

# Useful terminology for writing active learning outcomes

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Use these concrete, measurable verbs in your lesson outcomes, activities, and assignments to specifically describe what you expect your student to do, and what level of critical thinking you expect them to engage in.

Concrete, measurable verbs indicate what students will be able to do at the conclusion of a lesson or course. Use these verbs to help define your activities and assignments such that you and your students will know how to gauge what they have learned.

This chart starts with simpler tasks and moves to more complex tasks.

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## Identify

Arrange	Label	Recognize	Sketch
Count	List	Record	Sort
Define	Match	Reproduce	Tell
Describe	Name	Retrieve	Trace
Gather	Quote	Select	Write
Identify	Recall	Sequence	

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## Understand

Annotate	Draw	Locate	Report
Classify	Estimate	Map	Respond
Cite	Explain	Match	Review
Convert	Generalize	Navigate	Summarize
Curate	Give examples	Paraphrase	Translate
Discuss	Illustrate	Predict	

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## Apply

Act	Contribute	Imitate	Prepare
Administer	Demonstrate	Implement	Provide
Animate	Determine	Interview	Show
Articulate	Develop	Include	Sketch
Build	Dramatize	Instruct	Solve
Change	Draw	Make	Transfer
Chart	Employ	Operate	Use
Code	Establish	Paint	Utilize
Conduct	Express	Participate	Visualize
Construct	Film	Perform	

## Analyze

Break down	Deduce	Illustrate	Research
Characterize	Diagram	Infer	Relate
Classify	Differentiate	Interpret	Separate
Compare	Distinguish	Isolate	Subdivide
Contrast	Edit	Outline	
Debate	Examine	Recognize	
Deconstruct	Focus	Refine	

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## Synthesize

Adapt	Extend	Model	Reconstruct
Assemble	Facilitate	Modify	Reinforce
Collaborate	Formulate	Negotiate	Render
Combine	Generate	Organize	Restructure
Communicate	Incorporate	Outline	Revise
Compose	Individualize	Plan	Rewrite
Consolidate	Initiate	Present	Structure
Create	Integrate	Produce	Substitute
Design	Intervene	Propose	Systematize
Devise	Invent	Publish	Transform
Express	Merge	Rearrange	Validate

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## Evaluate

Appraise	Critique	Judge	Rate
Argue	Decide	Justify	Reframe
Assess	Defend	Prioritize	Refute
Conclude	Evaluate	Prove	Support
Criticize	Interpret	Rank	



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