



Selecting Verbs for Task Statements

Choosing the most appropriate verb to begin a task statement takes practice. The lists below contain verbs arranged according to learning domain and according to concept. The verbs included here are intended as samples and do not represent an exhaustive list.

Verbs Arranged by Domains of Learning

Verbs may be classified according to their application to the three domains of learning: Cognitive (thinking, understanding, reasoning), affective (feelings, attitudes, values), and Psychomotor (manipulative, hands-on, motor skills).

COGNITIVE DOMAIN					
Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
describe	convert	change	break down	categorize	appraise
identify	defend	compute	diagram	combine	compare
label	distinguish	demonstrate	differentiate	compile	conclude
list	estimate	discover	discriminate	compose	contrast
name	explain	manipulate	distinguish	create	discriminate
outline	extend	modify	identify	devise	explain
reproduce	generalize	operate	illustrate	design	justify
select	give	predict	infer	explain	interpret
state	infer	prepare	outline	generate	relate
rewrite	paraphrase	produce	point out	modify	summarize
summarize	predict	relate	plan	organize	discriminate
	show	select	rearrange	support	
	solve	separate	reconstruct		
	use	subdivide	relate		
			reorganize		
			revise		
			rewrite		
			summarize		
			tell		
			write		



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AFFECTIVE DOMAIN				
Receiving	Responding	Valuing	Organization	Value Complex
ask	answer	complete	adhere	act
choose	assist	describe	alter	discriminate
describe	comply	differentiate	arrange	display
follow	conform	explain	combine	influence
give	greet	form	compare	listen
hold	help	invite	complete	modify
identify	label	join	defend	perform
locate	perform	justify	explain	propose
name	practice	propose	identify	qualify
point to	present	read	integrate	question
select	read	report	modify	revise
reply	recite	select	order	serve
use	report	share	organize	solve
	select	study	synthesize	use
	tell	work		verify
	write			

PSYCHOMOTOR DOMAIN				
Application Level				
assemble	design	hook	saw	
build	dismantle	identify	sharpen	
calibrate	drill	locate	set	
change	fasten	make	sew	
clean	fix	manipulate	sketch	
compose	follow	mend	start	
connect	grind	mix	stir	
construct	grip	nail	use	
correct	hammer	paint	weigh	
create	heat	sand	wrap	



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Verbs Arranged by Concept

Verbs Conveying Recognition

describe	label	paraphrase
enumerate	list	point to
give examples	locate	predict
identify	outline	state

Verbs Conveying Application of Concepts

adapt	effect	perform
adhere	employ	practice
apply	follow	prepare
carry out	give	process
comply	implement	relate
compute	interpret	select
conform	issue	undertake
demonstrate	modify	use
dispatch	obtain	utilize

Verbs Conveying a Response or Other Communication Skill

advise	draft	read
answer	edit	recommend
assist	greet	record
author	illustrate	report
communicate	inform	solicit
compose	listen	submit
convey	post	tell
correct	prepare	welcome
display	present	write
disseminate	propose	

Verbs Conveying Application of Skills

adjust	execute	operate
affix	fabricate	paint
align	fasten	perform
assemble	finish	repair
bend	fix	service
calibrate	handle	set (up)
check	install	sharpen
clean	lay (out)	sketch
collate	lubricate	solder
connect	maintain	sort
cut	manipulate	stitch
dismantle	measure	weigh
drill	mend	
duplicate	mix	



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Verbs Conveying Critical Thinking/Problem Solving/Evaluating

analyze	estimate	qualify
appraise	evaluate	question
assess	examine	research
calculate	explore	revise
contrast	influence	solve
defend	interpret	support
determine	judge	synthesize
diagnose	justify	test
differentiate	plan	troubleshoot
discriminate	prove	verify

Verbs Conveying Organization or Collection

acquire	compare	modify
alter	compile	obtain
arrange	complete	order
assemble	file	organize
collate	gather	procure
collect	integrate	requisition
combine	inventory	secure

Verbs Conveying Interpersonal Relationships

administer	greet	oversee
assist	help	participate
conduct	host	preside
control	instruct	regulate
cooperate	lead	schedule
coordinate	manage	share
direct	negotiate	supervise
facilitate	officiate	teach
follow	organize	

Verbs Conveying Creativity/Initiative

author	design	formulate
build	develop	generate
change	devise	initiate
compose	draft	modify
conceptualize	draw	originate
construct	edit	revise



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create

establish