



Bloom's Taxonomy Verbs

Evaluation

Make and defend judgments based on internal evidence or external criteria.

appraise
argue assess attach
choose compare conclude
contrast defend describe discriminate
estimate evaluate explain judge justify interpret
relate predict rate select summarize support value

Higher Order Thinking Skills

Synthesis

Compile component ideas into a new whole or propose alternative solutions.

arrange assemble categorize collect combine comply
compose construct create design develop devise explain
formulate generate plan prepare rearrange reconstruct relate
reorganize revise rewrite set up summarize synthesize tell write

Analysis

Break down objects or ideas into simpler parts and find evidence to support generalizations.

analyze appraise breakdown calculate categorize compare
contrast criticize diagram differentiate discriminate distinguish
examine experiment identify illustrate infer model outline
point out question relate select separate subdivide test

Application

Apply knowledge to actual situations.

apply change choose compute demonstrate discover
dramatize employ illustrate interpret manipulate
modify operate practice predict prepare produce
relate schedule show sketch solve use write

Comprehension

Demonstrate an understanding of the facts.

classify convert defend describe discuss
distinguish estimate explain express
extend generalized give example(s)
identify indicate infer locate paraphrase
predict recognize rewrite review select
summarize translate

Knowledge

Remember previously learned information.

arrange define describe duplicate
identify label list match memorize
name order outline recognize
relate recall repeat reproduce
select state

Lower Order Thinking Skills

Cognitive objective and possible prompts

Evaluation

What would it be like if...? What would it be like to...? Design a... Imagine you are...
What would have happened if...? Draw a picture of... Tell/write a different ending...

Synthesis

Why...? Why not...? What do you think about...? Why do you think that...? Rank in
order of importance...

Analysis

What items are used...? What other ways could...? What things are
similar/different...? What kind of person is...?

Application

What would happen if...? Would you have done the same as...? If you were there,
would you...? How would you solve the problem...? Find information about...

Comprehension

Tell me in your own words... What does it mean...? Give me an example of...
Describe what... Make a map of... What is the main idea of...? Why do you think...?

Knowledge

Where...? What...? Who...? When...? How many...?