

Creating Outcomes: Action Verbs

PLANNING + INSTRUCTION

Common verbs

SIMPLE TASKS		STUDY SKILLS		ANALYSIS SKILLS		SYNTHESIS SKILLS	
Attend	Label	Arrange	Locate	Analyze	Formulate	Alter	Recombine
Choose	List	Attempt	Map	Appraise	Generate	Change	Reconstruct
Collect	Mark	Categorize	Organize	Combine	Induce	Design	Regroup
Complete	Match	Chart	Quote	Compare	Infer	Develop	Rename
Copy	Name	Cite	Record	Conclude	Paraphrase	Discover	Reorganize
Count	Note	Circle	Relate	Contrast	Plan	Expand	Reorder
Define	Omit	Classify	Reproduce	Criticize	Present	Extend	Rephrase
Describe	Order	Consider	Return	Deduce	Save	Generalize	Restate
Designate	Place	Diagram	Search	Defend	Shorten	Modify	Restructure
Detect	Point	Document	Signify	Evaluate	Structure	Paraphrase	Retell
Differentiate	Provide	Find	Sort	Explain	Switch	Predict	Signify
Discriminate	Recall	Follow	Suggest			Propose	Simplify
Distinguish	Repeat	Formulate	Support			Question	Synthesize
Distribute	Select	Gather	Underline			Rearrange	Systematize
Duplicate	State	Include	Volunteer				
Find	Tally	Itemize					
Identify	Tell						
Imitate	Underline						
Indicate							
Isolate							

ACTION VERBS FOR AFFECTIVE DOMAIN

Accepts	Delays (response)	Objects (to an idea)	Revises
Acts	Describes	Offers	Seeks
Adopts	Designs	Organizes	Shares
Advocates	Differentiates	Participates	Solves
Annotates	Discusses	Perseveres	Specifies
Answers	Evaluates	Persists	Subscribes
Argues (a position)	Follows	Points to	Submits
Asks	Gathers (information)	Praises	Suggests
Assists	Generalizes	Prepares	Supports
Attempts	Gives	Proposes	Synthesizes
Challenges	Greets	Qualifies	Tests
Chooses	Helps	Queries	Uses
Complies	Integrates	Questions	Verifies
Conforms	Joins	Recommends	Visits
Consults	Keeps (preserves)	Rejects	Volunteers
Criticizes	Listens	Relates	Weights (judges)
Defends	Obeys	Replies	

Outcome words based on developing levels of cognition: less complex

KNOWLEDGE

Counts	Produces
Defines	Quotes
Describes	Reads
Draws	Recalls
Indicates	Recites
Labels	Records
Matches	Selects
Names	Tabulates
Outlines	Traces
Points to	Writes

COMPREHENSION

Associates	Extends
Compares	Extrapolates
Computes	Generalizes
Contrasts	Gives examples
Converts	Inters
Defends	Interprets
Differentiates	Interpolates
Distinguishes	Rewrites
Estimates	Summarizes
Explains	Translates

Outcome words based on developing levels of cognition: cognitive categories

APPLICATION		ANALYSIS	
Applies	Modifies	Analyzes	Discriminates
Calculates	Operates	Breaks down	Groups
Changes	Practices	Constructs	Points out
Classifies	Predicts	Detects	Separates
Completes	Prepares	Diagrams	Transforms
Demonstrates	Relates		
Discovers	Shows		
Employs	Solves		
Examines	Uses		
Illustrates	Utilizes		
Manipulates			

Outcome words based on developing levels of cognition: more complex

EVALUATION		SYNTHESIS	
Appraises	Judges	Arranges	Integrates
Assesses	Measures	Categorizes	Organizes
Compares	Justifies	Combines	Plans
Concludes	Ranks	Compiles	Prescribes
Criticizes	Rates	Composes	Proposes
Critiques	Selects	Creates	Rearranges
Determines	Supports	Designs	Reconstructs
Evaluates	Tests	Develops	Reorganizes
Grades		Devises	Revises
		Formulates	Specifies
		Generalizes	Tells
		Generates	