

Bloom's Taxonomy of Measurable Verbs

COGNITIVE LEVEL

ILLUSTRATIVE 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

Synthesis:

Compile component ideas into a new whole or propose alternative solutions

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

Application:

Apply knowledge to actual situations

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

Analysis:

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

analyze, appraise, break down, calculate, categorize, classify, compare, contrast, criticize, derive, diagram, differentiate, discriminate, distinguish, examine, experiment, identify, test, illustrate, separate, interpret, model, outline, point out, question, relate, select, infer, subdivide

Comprehension:

Demonstrate an understanding of the facts

classify, convert, defend, discuss, distinguish, estimate, explain, express, extend, generalize, give example(s), identify, indicate, infer, locate, paraphrase, predict, recognize, rewrite, report restate, review, select

Knowledge:

Remember previously learned information

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

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