



# Tips and Tricks for the Teacher's Toolbox

Bloom's Taxonomy of Action Verbs



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Definitions	Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
<b>Bloom's Definition</b>	Remember previously learned information.	Demonstrate an understanding of the facts.	Apply knowledge to actual situations.	Break down objects or ideas into simpler parts and find evidence to support generalizations.	Compile component ideas into a new whole or propose alternative solutions.	Make and defend judgments based on internal evidence or external criteria.
<b>Verbs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange</li> <li>• Define</li> <li>• Describe</li> <li>• Duplicate</li> <li>• Identify</li> <li>• Label</li> <li>• List</li> <li>• Match</li> <li>• Memorize</li> <li>• Name</li> <li>• Order</li> <li>• Outline</li> <li>• Recognize</li> <li>• Relate</li> <li>• Recall</li> <li>• Repeat</li> <li>• Reproduce</li> <li>• Select</li> <li>• State</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classify</li> <li>• Convert</li> <li>• Defend</li> <li>• Describe</li> <li>• Discuss</li> <li>• Distinguish</li> <li>• Estimate</li> <li>• Explain</li> <li>• Express</li> <li>• Extend</li> <li>• Generalized</li> <li>• Give example(s)</li> <li>• Identify</li> <li>• Indicate</li> <li>• Infer</li> <li>• Locate</li> <li>• Paraphrase</li> <li>• Predict</li> <li>• Recognize</li> <li>• Rewrite</li> <li>• Review</li> <li>• Select</li> <li>• Summarize</li> <li>• Translate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply</li> <li>• Change</li> <li>• Choose</li> <li>• Compute</li> <li>• Demonstrate</li> <li>• Discover</li> <li>• Dramatize</li> <li>• Employ</li> <li>• Illustrate</li> <li>• Interpret</li> <li>• Manipulate</li> <li>• Modify</li> <li>• Operate</li> <li>• Practice</li> <li>• Predict</li> <li>• Prepare</li> <li>• Produce</li> <li>• Relate</li> <li>• Schedule</li> <li>• Show</li> <li>• Sketch</li> <li>• Solve</li> <li>• Use</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze</li> <li>• Appraise</li> <li>• Breakdown</li> <li>• Calculate</li> <li>• Categorize</li> <li>• Compare</li> <li>• Contrast</li> <li>• Criticize</li> <li>• Diagram</li> <li>• Differentiate</li> <li>• Discriminate</li> <li>• Distinguish</li> <li>• Examine</li> <li>• Experiment</li> <li>• Identify</li> <li>• Illustrate</li> <li>• Infer</li> <li>• Model</li> <li>• Outline</li> <li>• Point out</li> <li>• Question</li> <li>• Relate</li> <li>• Select</li> <li>• Separate</li> <li>• Subdivide</li> <li>• Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrange</li> <li>• Assemble</li> <li>• Categorize</li> <li>• Collect</li> <li>• Combine</li> <li>• Comply</li> <li>• Compose</li> <li>• Construct</li> <li>• Create</li> <li>• Design</li> <li>• Develop</li> <li>• Devise</li> <li>• Explain</li> <li>• Formulate</li> <li>• Generate</li> <li>• Plan</li> <li>• Prepare</li> <li>• Rearrange</li> <li>• Reconstruct</li> <li>• Relate</li> <li>• Reorganize</li> <li>• Revise</li> <li>• Rewrite</li> <li>• Set up</li> <li>• Summarize</li> <li>• Synthesize</li> <li>• Tell</li> <li>• Write</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appraise</li> <li>• Argue</li> <li>• Assess</li> <li>• Attach</li> <li>• Choose</li> <li>• Compare</li> <li>• Conclude</li> <li>• Contrast</li> <li>• Defend</li> <li>• Describe</li> <li>• Discriminate</li> <li>• Estimate</li> <li>• Evaluate</li> <li>• Explain</li> <li>• Judge</li> <li>• Justify</li> <li>• Interpret</li> <li>• Relate</li> <li>• Predict</li> <li>• Rate</li> <li>• Select</li> <li>• Summarize</li> <li>• Support</li> <li>• Value</li> </ul>

## Bloom's Taxonomy Verbs

Use verbs aligned to Bloom's Taxonomy to create discussion questions and lesson plans that ensure your students' thinking progresses to higher levels.

Knowledge		Comprehend	
Count	Read	Classify	Interpret Cite
Define	Recall		Locate
Describe	Recite	Conclude	Make sense of
Draw	Record	Convert	Paraphrase
Enumerate	Reproduce	Describe	Predict
Find	Select	Discuss	Report
Identify	Sequence	Estimate	Restate
Label	State	Explain	Review
List	Tell	Generalize	Summarize
Match	View	Give examples	Trace
Name	Write	Illustrate	Understand
Quote			
Apply		Analyze	
Act	Imitate	Break down	Focus
Administer	Implement	Characterize	Illustrate
Articulate	Interview	Classify	Infer
Assess	Include	Compare	Limit
Change	Inform	Contrast	Outline
Chart	Instruct	Correlate	Point out
Choose	Paint	Debate	Prioritize
Collect	Participate	Deduce	Recognize
Compute	Predict	Diagram	Research
Construct	Prepare	Differentiate	Relate
Contribute	Produce	Discriminate	Separate
Control	Provide	Distinguish	Subdivide
Demonstrate	Relate	Examine	
Determine	Report		
Develop	Select		
Discover	Show		
Dramatize	Solve		
Draw	Transfer		
Establish	Use		
Extend	Utilize		

<b>Synthesize</b>		<b>Evaluate</b>	
Adapt	Intervene	Appraise	Interpret
Anticipate	Invent	Argue	Judge
Categorize	Make up	Assess	Justify
Collaborate	Model	Choose	Predict
Combine	Modify	Compare & Contrast	Prioritize
Communicate	Negotiate	Conclude	Prove
Compare	Organize	Criticize	Rank
Compile	Perform	Critique	Rate
Compose	Plan	Decide	Reframe
Construct	Pretend	Defend	Select
Contrast	Produce	Evaluate	Support
Create	Progress		
Design	Propose		
Develop	Rearrange		
Devise	Reconstruct		
Express	Reinforce		
Facilitate	Reorganize		
Formulate	Revise		
Generate	Rewrite		
Incorporate	Structure		
Individualize	Substitute		
Initiate	Validate		
Integrate			

**Watch out for verbs that are not measurable.**

In order for an objective to give maximum structure to instruction, it should be free of vague or ambiguous words or phrases. The following lists notoriously ambiguous words or phrases which should be avoided so that the intended outcome is concise and explicit.

<b>Words to Avoid</b>	<b>Phrases to Avoid</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Believe</i></li><li>• <i>Hear</i></li><li>• <i>Realize</i></li><li>• <i>Capacity</i></li><li>• <i>Intelligence</i></li><li>• <i>Recognize</i></li><li>• <i>Comprehend</i></li><li>• <i>Know</i></li><li>• <i>See</i></li><li>• <i>Conceptualize</i></li><li>• <i>Listen</i></li><li>• <i>Self-Actualize</i></li><li>• <i>Memorize</i></li><li>• <i>Think</i></li><li>• <i>Experience</i></li><li>• <i>Perceive</i></li><li>• <i>Understand</i></li><li>• <i>Feel</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Appreciation for</i></li><li>• <i>Acquainted with</i></li><li>• <i>Adjusted to</i></li><li>• <i>Awareness of</i></li><li>• <i>Capable of</i></li><li>• <i>Comprehension of</i></li><li>• <i>Cognizant of</i></li><li>• <i>Enjoyment of</i></li><li>• <i>Conscious of</i></li><li>• <i>Familiar with</i></li><li>• <i>Interest in</i></li><li>• <i>Interested in</i></li><li>• <i>Knowledge of</i></li><li>• <i>Knowledgeable about</i></li><li>• <i>Understanding of</i></li></ul>