

Verbs for Writing Measurable Objectives

Action Verbs for Cognitive (thinking) Domain					
Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
Reproduce	Restate	Translate	Distinguish	Compose	Judge
Define	Discuss	Interpret	Analyze	Plan	Appraise
Memorize	Describe	Apply	Differentiate	Propose	Evaluate
Repeat	Recognize	Employ	Appraise	Design	Rate
Record	Explain	Use	Calculate	Formulate	Compare
List	Express	Demonstrate	Experiment	Arrange	Revise
Recall	Identify	Dramatize	Test	Assemble	Score
Name	Locate	Practice	Compare	Collect	Select
Relate	Report	Illustrate	Contrast	Construct	Choose
Label	Review	Operate	Criticize	Create	Assess
Select	Tell	Schedule	Diagram	Set Up	Estimate
Underline	Classify	Perform	Inspect	Organize	Measure
State	Name	Sketch	Debate	Manage	Defend
Order	Justify	Assess	Inventory	Prepare	
	Illustrate	Choose	Question	Summarize	
	Categorize	Compute	Relate	Discuss	
		Predict	Solve	Relate	
			Examine		

Action Verbs for Affective (feeling/emotion) Domain				
Receiving/Attending	Responding	Valuing/Worthy	Organization/Conceptualization	Internalized Value
See	Write	Attain	Associate	Accept
Hear	Develop	Decide	Correlate	Change
Accept	Record	Develop	Determine	Decide
Listen		Influence	Find	Demonstrate
Prefer		Participate	Form	Develop
Select			Judge	Face

Action Verbs for Psychomotor (doing) Domain						
Perception	Set	Guided Response	Mechanism	Performance	Adaptation	Origination
Recognize	Display	Assemble	Demonstrate	Build	Reorganize	Create
Choose	React	Build	Write	Conduct	Adapt	Make
Isolate	Respond	Calibrate	Sets Up	Show	Alter	Construct
Select	Show	Construct	Operate	Operate	Change	Arrange
Detects	Start	Dismantle	Demonstrate	Demonstrate	Rearrange	Design
		Dissect	Assemble	Mix	Revise	Originate
		Fix		Calibrate	Vary	
		Measure				
		Manipulate				

Verbs to Avoid							
Accept	Acknowledge	Be Aware Of	Be Conscious Of	Believe	Enhance	Enjoy	Grasp
Internalize	Know	Like	Learn	Realize	Sense	Understand	Value

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