



## Glossary of terms used for externally-assessed units

The following table shows the key terms that will be used consistently by Pearson in our assessments to ensure learners are rewarded for demonstrating the necessary skills. Please note: the list below will not necessarily be used in every paper/session and is provided for guidance only.

Command word	
Calculate	Learners judge the number or amount of something by using the information they already have, and add, subtract, multiply, or divide numbers. For example, 'Calculate the reaction forces...'
Client brief	Outlines the client's expectations and requirements for the product or system.
Describe	Learners give a clear, objective account in their own words showing recall, and in some cases application, of the relevant features and information about a subject. For example, 'Describe the process of heat transfer...'
Design	A drawing and/or specification to communicate the form, function and/or operational workings of a product prior to it being made or maintained.
Draw	Learners make a graphic representation of data by hand (as in a diagram). For example, 'Draw a diagram to represent...'
Explain	Learners make something clear or easy to understand by describing or giving information about it. For example, 'Explain one factor affecting...'
Find	Learners discover the facts or truth about something. For example, 'Find the coordinates where...'
Identify	Learners recognise or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of. For example, 'Identify the energy loss...'
Integrated Development Environment (IDE)	A specialist piece of software in which computer programs are created. It contains a number of tools to help the programmer code.
Label	Learners affix a label to; mark with a label. For example, 'Label the diagram to show...'

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Manufacture	To make a product for commercial gain.
Microcontroller	Contains all the internal components of a computer, for example processor and memory, on a single integrated circuit chip.
Project log	A document to record the progress made, key activities and decisions taken during the development of a project.
Solve	Learners find the answer or explanation to a problem. For example, 'Solve the equation to...'
State	Learners declare definitely or specifically. For example, 'State all three conditions for...'
Test plan	A document that provides a structured approach for testing hardware and software. It describes the purpose of the tests, any input test data, actual test results and comments/justification.