

Exercise 5 – Command Words

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Definition	Command Word
To give an account of something. Statements in the response need to be developed, as they are often linked but do not need to include a justification or reason.	
An explanation requires a justification / exemplification of a point. The answer must contain some element of reasoning/justification – this can include mathematical explanations.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the issue/situation/problem/argument that is being assessed within the question. Explore all aspects of an issue/situation/problem/argument. Investigate the issue/situation etc. by reasoning or argument. 	
Use your knowledge to propose a solution to a problem in a novel context.	
Requires the synthesis of a number of variables from data/information to form a judgement.	
Review information (e.g. data, methods) then bring it together to form a conclusion, drawing on evidence including strengths, weaknesses, alternative actions, relevant data or information. Come to a supported judgement of a subject's quality and relate it to its context.	

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Give careful consideration to all the factors or events that apply and identify which are the most important or relevant. Make a judgement on the importance of something, and come to a conclusion where needed.	
Looking for the similarities and differences of two (or more) things. Should not require the drawing of a conclusion. Answer must relate to both (or all) things mentioned in the question. The answer must include at least one similarity and one difference.	
Inspect a set of data, an experimental plan or a scientific statement and consider the elements. Look at the merits and/or faults of the information presented and back judgements made.	