

Spelling list: Command words 1

GCSE

describe	Describe means to use adjectives to explain something (object or concept).
explain	Give reason(s) why, cause or factor affecting the concept.
complete	Fill out or finish off (Table, graph, sketch, sentence).
name	Write down the specific word associated with the object, chemical or person.
calculate	Use formula or mathematical sum to figure out the answer (number).
label	Add names of objects, parts or process with an arrow.
analyse	Pick out key features to provide an understanding.
compare	Take 2 or more things and note the differences and similarities.
contrast	Describe the differences.
discuss	Write about both sides of an argument and come to a conclusion.
define	Taking a word or concept and explaining the meaning.
summarise	Explain the text in a few words focusing on key points.
cause	Reason(s) why something happens.
challenge	Difficulty that can be solved.
benefit	An advantage or positive outcome.
characteristic	Key feature.
examine	Look closely or provide a detailed understanding of an object, topic or concept.
evaluate	Assess how well and not well something has been done.