

# List of Verbs for Formulating Learning Objectives

The following verbs have been found to be effective in formulating learning or educational objectives.

## 1. Those that communicate knowledge:

### Information

cite identify quote relate tabulate  
count indicate read repeat tell  
define list recite select trace  
describe name recognize state update  
draw point record summarize write

### Comprehension

assess contrast distinguish interpolate restate  
associate demonstrate estimate interpret review  
classify describe explain locate translate  
compare differentiate express predict  
compute discuss extrapolate report

### Application

apply employ match relate sketch  
calculate examine operate report solve  
choose illustrate order restate translate  
complete interpolate practice review treat  
demonstrate interpret predict schedule use  
develop locate prescribe select utilize

### Analysis

analyze criticize diagram infer question  
appraise debate differentiate inspect separate  
contract deduce distinguish inventory summarize  
contrast detect experiment measure

### Synthesis

arrange construct formulate organize produce  
assemble create generalize plan propose  
collect design integrate prepare specify  
combine detect manage prescribe validate  
compose document

### Evaluation

appraise critique evaluate rank score  
assess decide grade rate select  
choose determine judge recommend test  
compare estimate measure revise

**2. Those that impart skills:**

demonstrate hold massage pass visualize  
diagnose integrate measure write  
diagram internalize operate project  
empathize listen palpate record

**3. Those that convey attitudes:**

acquire exemplify plan reflect transfer  
consider modify realize revise

**Please avoid using these verbs**

appreciate have faith in know learn understand believe

Note: These verbs are often used but are open to many interpretations and do not make a learning objective SMART