

Glossary of Instructional Terms

Instruction:	What to do:	Other ways of saying this:
compare	look for what is the same <u>and</u> different	identify similarities and differences, comparing & contrasting
complete	finish something	keep going until there is nothing left to do
complete	look at two things and notice how they are different	different, unlike
choose the right answer	pick out the one you think is the best	select, determine, most accurate
describe	give details or information to show what something is like or what happened	recount, outline
estimate	give your best guess; give the closest answer you can	approximate, judge, gauge
evaluate	think about what is good and bad and use this to form an opinion	assess pros and cons, judge
explain	to make something clear by giving information; to give reasons	justify, illustrate why
infer	use what you know and clues you can find in the words and/or pictures	conclude, deduce
justify	give reasons	defend, explain, validate
match up	show which thing goes with another	connect, join
predict	say or write what you think might happen	forecast
opinion	what you think about something	point of view, belief, judgement
observe	to look and notice	see, spot, watch
record	write down	note
refer to	look at or in (something) to get information	reference
sort	put things that are alike together	group (by kind, type, or class), categorise
suggest why	give the reason for something happening	identify the cause, speculate, hypothesise
use the text	look at the information given in the words and/or pictures	find information from the words and/or pictures; use the information given by the author