Acceptable Verbs for Writing Measurable Objectives

This list of suggested verbs may be used in developing measurable behavioral objectives. This is not meant to be all-inclusive or limiting-it is just a resource. Used properly, these behavioral verbs can be applicable to competency. Competency-based objectives require that the learner **DO** something that is beyond knowledge or comprehension of concepts.

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| KNOWLEDGE | COMPREHENSION | APPLICATION | ANALYSIS | SYNTHESIS | EVALUATION |
| arrange | associate | apply | analyze | arrange | appraise |
| cite | classify | change | appraise | assemble | assess |
| define | convert | choose | breakdown | categorize | attach |
| describe | compute | compute | calculate | collect | choose |
| duplicate | defend | demonstrate | categorize | combine | compare |
| identify | describe | develop | compare | comply | conclude |
| label | discuss | discover | contrast | compose | contrast |
| list | distinguish | dramatize | criticize | construct | critique |
| match | estimate | employ | debate | create | defend |
| memorize | explain | illustrate | diagram | design | discriminate |
| name | express | implement | differentiate | develop | evaluate |
| order | extend | interpret | discriminate | devise | grade |
| outline | generalize | manipulate | distinguish | formulate | judge |
| read | identify | modify | examine | generate | justify |
| recall | indicate | operate | experiment | integrate | interpret |
| recite | infer | practice | illustrate | manage | measure |
| recognize | locate | predict | infer | organize | predict |
| record | paraphrase | prepare | inspect | plan | rank |
| relate | predict | produce | inventory | prepare | rate |
| repeat | recognize | propose | model | rearrange | relate |
| report | rewrite | relate | outline | reconstruct | score |
| reproduce | review | schedule | question | relate | select |
| restate | select | show | relate | reorganize | summarize |
| select | summarize | sketch | select | revise | support |
| specify | translate | solve | separate | rewrite | test |
| state |  | translate | subdivide | setup |  |
| tabulate |  | use | test | summarize |  |
|  |  | utilize |  | synthesize |  |
|  |  | write |  | tell |  |
|  |  |  |  | write |  |