Action Verb List Cheat Sheet

Level of Learning	Measurable Action Verbs	Verbs/Phrases to Avoid	Assessments Types
Remember	 Define Identify Label List Locate Match Memorize Name Order Outline Recall Recognize 	 Understand Show Have the opportunity Become familiar with Know 	Activities where students simply identify basic concepts; • Fill-in-the-blank • Multiple-choice • Labeling diagrams • Reciting (orally, musically, or in writing)
Comprehend	 Discuss Describe Explain Generalize Paraphrase Rewrite Review Select Summarize 	 Understand Think Try Read Aware of 	Activities where students demonstrate knowledge of concepts via verbal or written descriptions; • papers • oral/written exam questions • problems • concept maps • finding or identifying examples • illustrations of a concept
Apply	 Apply Demonstrate Interpret Manipulate Model Operate Present Perform Practice 	DoExperienceSee	Activities that require students to use procedures to solve or complete familiar or unfamiliar tasks; • problem sets • performances • labs • prototyping • simulations

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	SketchSolve		
Analyze	 Categorize Compare Contrast Criticize Diagram Differentiate Discriminate Examine Illustrate 	Look atFind outLearn about	Activities that require students to discriminate or select relevant from irrelevant parts, determine how elements function together, determine bias, values, or underlying intent in presented materials;
Evaluate	 Compose Construct Design Develop Devise Evaluate Formulate Generate Hypothesize Interpret Plan 	 Attempt to Comprehend Appreciate 	Activities that require students to test, monitor, judge, or critique readings, performances, or products against established criteria or standards; • journals • diaries • critiques • problem sets • product reviews • case studies.
Create	 Argue Assess Create Compose Conclude Defend Estimate Perform Propos 	Attempt to Make	Activities that require students to synthesize concepts to create new products; • research projects musical compositions • performances • essays • business plans • website designs • prototyping • set designs

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