

MYP Command Terms in Science

Match the command term with its meaning.

Command term	What it means
document	Credit sources of information used by referencing
describe	Give a detailed account (give a reason for or a narrative of...)
outline	Give a brief summary
state	Give a specific name or very brief answer with no explanation
formulate	Express precisely and systematically the relevant concepts or arguments

document describe formulate outline state

Command term	What it means
suggest	Propose a solution, hypothesis or other possible answer
analyse	Obtain the answer(s) using appropriate methods
apply	Offer for display, observation, examination or consideration
present	Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure. To identify parts and relationships, and to interpret information to reach conclusions
solve	Use a theory or an idea in a problem or issue

analyse apply present solve suggest

Command term	What it means
interpret	Use knowledge and understanding to recognize trends and draw conclusions from given information.
design	Produce a plan, simulation or model
evaluate	Abstract a general theme or major point(s)
discuss	Assess the implications and limitations; to make judgments about the ideas, works, solutions or methods in relation to selected criteria
explain	Give a detailed account including reasons or causes
summarize	Offer a considered and balanced review; include a range of arguments, factors or hypotheses. Present a clear conclusion and support the conclusion with appropriate evidence

design discuss evaluate explain interpret summarize