

Appropriate Verbs for Learning Objectives

Learner-based objective should complete the following statement:

- Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to...

The following verbs have been found to be effective in formulating educational objectives:

Knowledge

Recalling information such as facts, concepts, and theories from memorization.

Cite	Locate	Record
Choose	Match	Repeat
Define	Name	Select
Label	Recall	State
List	Recognize	Write

Comprehension

The ability to grasp the meaning of the material, translating material from one form to another, interpreting material, and/or predicting consequences.

Arrange	Discuss	Paraphrase
Associate	Estimate	Report
Clarify	Explain	Restate
Classify	Express	Review
Convert	Give Examples	Sort
Describe	Identify	Summarize
Diagram	Locate	Transfer
Draw	Outline	Translate

Application

The ability to use learned material in new and concrete situations, applying rules, methods, concepts, principles, laws, and theories.

Adapt	Generalize	Produce
Apply	Illustrate	Project
Catalogue	Infer	Relate
Chart	Interpolate	Sketch
Compute	Interpret	Submit
Consolidate	Manipulate	Tabulate
Demonstrate	Modify	Transcribe
Develop	Order	Use
Employ	Operate	Utilize
Extend	Predict	
Extrapolate	Prepare	

Analysis

The ability to break down material into its component parts, analysis of relationships between parts, and recognition of the organizational principles involved.

Analyze	Criticize	Inventory
Appraise	Deduce	Investigate
Audit	Defend	Measure
Break down	Detect	Point
Calculate	Diagram	Question
Categorize	Differentiate	Reason
Certify	Discriminate	Separate
Compare	Distinguish	Solve
Contract	Examine	Survey
Contrast	Experiment	Test
Correlate	Infer	Uncover
Count	Inspect	Verify

Synthesis

The ability to put parts together to form a new whole. This may involve the production of a unique communication, a plan of operations, or a set of abstract relations.

Arrange	Devise	Predict
Assemble	Discover	Prepare
Build	Document	Prescribe
Collect	Draw	Propose
Combine	Formulate	Reorder
Compile	Generate	Reorganize
Compose	Integrate	Set up
Conceive	Make	Structure
Construct	Manage	Synthesize
Create	Organize	
Design	Plan	

Evaluation

The ability to judge the value of material for a given purpose based on definite criteria.

Appraise	Determine	Recommend
Approve	Diagnose	Research
Assess	Evaluate	Resolve
Choose	Grade	Revise
Conclude	Judge	Rule on
Confirm	Justify	Score
Criticize	Prioritize	Select
Critique	Prove	Support
Decide	Rank	Validate

Receiving

The ability to notice a particular phenomenon.

Accept	Follow	Observe
Acknowledge	Listen	Receive
Attend (to)	Meet	

Responding

The ability to react or change as a result of exposure to an attitude, behavior or value.

Arrange	Devise	Predict
Assemble	Discover	Prepare
Build	Document	Prescribe
Collect	Drive	Propose
Combine	Formulate	Reorder
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Valuing

The ability to accept the worth of something.

Adopt	Foster	React
Aid	Guide	Respect
Care (for)	Initiate	Seek
Complete	Interact	Share
Compliment	Join	Study
Contribute	Justify	Subscribe
Delay	Maintain	Suggest
Encourage	Monitor	Support
Endorse	Praise	Thank
Enforce	Preserve	Uphold
Evaluate	Propose	
Expedite	Query	

Organization

The ability to organize values, determine interrelationships, and adapt behavior to a value system.

Anticipate	Follow through	Recommend
Collaborate	Investigate	Revise
Confer	Judge	Simplify
Consider	Lead	Specify
Consult	Manage	Submit
Coordinate	Modify	Synthesize
Design	Organize	Test
Direct	Oversee	Vary
Establish	Plan	Weigh
Facilitate	Qualify	

Characterization by a Value or Value Complex

The ability to integrate controlling tendencies into a total philosophy of life or world view.

Act	Dispute	Profess
Administer	Empathize	Promote
Advance	Endeavor	Promulgate
Advocate	Enhance	Question
Aid	Excuse	Reject
Challenge	Forgive	Resolve
Change	Influence	Seek
Commit (to)	Motivate	Serve
Counsel	Negotiate	Solve
Criticize	Object	Strive
Debate	Persevere	Tolerate
Defend	Persist	Volunteer (for)
Disagree	Praise	

DO NOT USE

Apply Scientific Knowledge to
Appreciate
Believe
Develop a knowledge of
Know
Understand
Value