

## Handout 7: Command words

### Activity 7

At the moment the definitions are muddled. Put the correct definition number in the final column – the first one has been done for you.

Command word	Definition	Correct definition number
<b>Describe</b>	1) Set out reasons, causes or purposes.	3
<b>Explain</b>	2) Apply knowledge and understanding to an unfamiliar situation where there is no single correct answer.	
<b>Give reasons</b>	3) State in words the key characteristics and give factual details.	
<b>Suggest</b>	4) Provide points of explanation.	
<b>Compare</b>	5) Form and express a judgement after examining evidence.	
<b>How far do you agree</b>	6) Make an informed judgement, based on evidence.	
<b>To what extent</b>	7) Make a judgement from available evidence.	
<b>Evaluate</b>	8) Present points for and against, or present different viewpoints.	
<b>Assess</b>	9) Describe <b>both</b> similarities and differences between things. Two separate descriptions do not make a comparison.	
<b>Discuss</b>	10) Make a judgement from available evidence.	