



Literacy:

Ten Key Exam Command Words



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- 1. Identify**
- 2. Select**
- 3. Describe**
- 4. Comment**
- 5. Respond**
- 6. Explain**
- 7. Compare**
- 8. Discuss**
- 9. Analyse**
- 10. Evaluate**



Key Word: Identify

Used in: Maths,
Health and Social
Care, Art, English,
Drama, P.E, R.E,
Music



Identify: Meaning

“To recognise or to be able to name something”

e.g. “identify multiples of three”
(Maths)



Key Word:

Select

Used in: Art,
English, P.E.,
Music



Select: Meaning

“To choose or pick”

e.g. “Select four details about what happened in the opening paragraph”
(English)



Key Word:

Describe

Used in: Maths,
Health and Social
Care, Geography,
English, Drama,
P.E, Music.



Describe: Meaning

“To set out the characteristics”

e.g. “Describe the likely changes in lifestyle of someone on low income”

(Health and Social Care)



Key Word: Comment

Used in: Maths,
English and Music.



Comment: Meaning

“Present an informed opinion on ”

e.g. “Comment on the harmonic device used here”

(Music)



Key Word:

Respond

Used in: Art and English.



Respond: Meaning

“Produce something in reply”

e.g. “Respond to the themes of *The Fantastic and The Strange*” (Art)



Key Word:

Explain

Used in: R.E,
English, P.E,
Drama, Maths,
Geography and
Health & Social
Care.



Explain: Meaning

“Set out purposes or reasons”

e.g. “Explain religious attitudes towards marrying someone of a different race” (RE)



Key Word:

Compare

Used in: English,
P.E, Maths,
Geography, Art
and Music



Compare: Meaning

“estimate or measure the similarity or dissimilarity between”

e.g. “Compare how the writers convey their different perspectives on. . . ”(English)



Key Word:

Discuss

Used in: English,
P.E, Maths,
Geography, Art
and Health &
Social Care.



Discuss: Meaning

“present key points”

e.g. “ Discuss issues that result from quarrying” (Geography)



Key Word: Analyse

Used in: English,
P.E, Maths,
Drama, Art and
Health and Social
Care.



Analyse: Meaning

“Separate information into components and identify their characteristics”

e.g. “Analyse how your practical skills improved during the rehearsal process” (Drama)



Key Word: Evaluate

Used in: English,
P.E, Maths,
Drama, R.E,
Geography Art and
Health and Social
Care.



Evaluate: Meaning

“judge from available evidence”

e.g. “Evaluate the following expression when $x=2$ and $y = -3$ ” (Maths)





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