



# Definitions of task words

<b>Give an account of</b>	Describe	<b>Elaborate</b>	Give reasons and examples
<b>Take into account</b>	Consider, think of	<b>Explain</b>	Give details to show reasons, causes and effects
<b>Account for</b>	Explain, give information about	<b>Factor(s)</b>	Something that affects an event, decision or situation
<b>Analyse</b>	Break up into smaller parts, describe and show relations between each part	<b>Function</b>	What something does, its purpose
<b>Argue</b>	Methodically give evidence for or against an opinion	<b>Identify</b>	Point out, describe
<b>Assess</b>	Make a judgement about, and provide reasons	<b>Indicate</b>	Show, explain
<b>Assume</b>	Imagine that the following is true	<b>Illustrate</b>	Provide examples and details
<b>Classify</b>	Divide into groups so that things with similar characteristics are in the same group	<b>Implications</b>	Results that are likely to happen, suggestions
<b>Comment on</b>	Give your point of view	<b>Limitations</b>	Explain where something is not relevant or useful
<b>Compare</b>	Analyse and describe how two things are alike (cf. Contrast)	<b>List</b>	Provide an itemised series of points
<b>Concept</b>	An idea	<b>Outline</b>	A systematic ordering of information, without details
<b>Concise</b>	Short, to the point, without unnecessary words	<b>Prove</b>	Use evidence or logic to confirm
<b>In the context of</b>	Considered together with other factors	<b>With/By reference to</b>	Make sure you include the following subject
<b>Contrast</b>	Analyse and describe how two things are different (cf. Compare)	<b>Relate</b>	Mention connections and associations
<b>Criteria</b>	Factors on which you judge or describe something	<b>In relation to</b>	Only a certain part of the first topic is needed
<b>Criticise/ Critique</b>	Discuss, highlighting faults, gaps, disadvantages and strengths	<b>Review</b>	Consider something carefully to see what is wrong/could be improved, analyse and comment on major points
<b>Deduce</b>	Reach a conclusion or generalisation based on other things you know are true	<b>Role</b>	The part something plays, particularly in relation to something else
<b>Define</b>	Describe or state clearly	<b>State</b>	Articulate clearly
<b>Discuss</b>	Give all sides to an argument and then your opinion	<b>Summarise</b>	Highlight the main points of a subject
<b>Distinguish between</b>	Describe the difference	<b>Validity/ Valid</b>	Is the conclusion logical from the premise(s) given?