

WRITING LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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As learning objectives should be measurable, they should begin with a verb that can be measured, e.g. understand is **NOT** on the list because one's understanding cannot be readily measured. The following list is designed to help you create your objectives. Try to be specific and vary the verbs.

The columns on the left are the most frequently used, but try branching into the other columns for higher-level skills.

Some basic examples include:

***Describe** the following congenital abdominal wall anomalies: umbilical hernia, omphalocele, gastroschisis, & pentalogy of cantrell.

***Identify** the essential components of an antenatal discussion with parents.

***Delineate** initial therapy of abdominal wall anomalies.

Appropriate Verbs for Learning Objectives

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