

# Command words

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## Assess

Make an informed judgement.

### Example question

Assess how effective your presentation technique(s) were in representing the data collected in this enquiry. (Specimen Paper 3, qu. 05.3)

## Calculate

Work out the value of something.

### Example question

Using Figure 7, calculate the increase in retail sales value of Fairtrade bananas between 2000 and 2012. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 02.7)

## Compare

Identify similarities and differences.

### Example question

Using Figure 4, compare HDI values in Africa and South America. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 02.1).

## Complete

Finish the task by adding to given information.

### Example question

Complete the following sentences.

The greatest number of category four tropical storms happen in the ..... Ocean. Apart from very strong winds, one other associated weather feature of a category four storm is.....  
(Specimen Paper 1, qu. 01.5).

## Describe

Set out characteristics.

### Example question

Using Figure 9, describe the distribution of areas with existing licenses for fracking in the UK. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 03.2).

## Discuss

Present key points about different ideas or strengths and weaknesses of an idea.

### Example question

Discuss the effects of urban sprawl on people and the environment. Use Figure 3 and a case study of a major city in the UK. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 01.6).

## Evaluate

Judge from available evidence.

### Example question

Evaluate the effectiveness of an urban transport scheme(s) you have studied. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 01.8).

## Explain

Set out purposes or reasons.

### Example question

Using Figure 12 and your own knowledge, explain how different landforms may be created by the transport and deposition of sediment along the coast (Specimen Paper 1, qu. 03.7).

## Give

Produce an answer from recall.

### Example question

Give one condition that is needed for a tropical storm to form. (Specimen Paper 1, qu. 01.6).

## Identify

Name or otherwise characterise.

### Example question

Identify the glacial landform at grid reference 653532. (Specimen Paper 1, qu. 05.1).

## Justify

Support a case with evidence.

### Example question

'Transnational corporations (TNCs) only bring advantages to the host country.' Do you agree with this statement? Justify your decision. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 02.10).

## Outline

Set out main characteristics.

### Example question

Outline one way that Fairtrade helps to deal with the problems of unequal development. (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 02.8).

## State

Express in clear terms.

### Example question

State one characteristic of the course of the River Ouse in grid square 5754. (Specimen Paper 1, qu. 04.1).

## Suggest

Present a possible case.

### Example question

Suggest how the sea defences shown in Figure 11 help to protect the coastline. (Specimen Paper 1, qu. 03.6).

## To what extent

Judge the importance or success of (strategy, scheme, project, etc).

### Example question

To what extent do urban areas in lower income countries (LICs) or newly emerging economies (NEEs) provide social and economic opportunities for people? (Specimen Paper 2, qu. 01.4).