

# The Skills Network

## Command verbs

### Level 2

#### **Identify**

Point something out or give a list of main features.

#### **Outline**

Give brief details that cover the main points in summary.

#### **Describe**

Give a detailed account that sets out the main points of an argument, account or opinion.

#### **Explain**

Set out purposes or reasons or make something clear in relation to a particular situation. An explanation requires understanding to be demonstrated

#### **Summarise**

Give the main ideas or facts in a concise way

#### **State**

Express clearly and briefly.

#### **Define**

Give a definition or specify meaning of an idea or concept.

#### **Compare**

Examine subject matter to note the similarities and differences.

#### **Evaluate**

Make a qualitative judgement taking into account different factors and using available knowledge/experience/evidence.

#### **Analyse**

Break the topic down into separate parts and examine each part. Show how the main ideas are related and why they are important.

#### **Discuss**

Give an account that addresses a range of ideas and arguments.