

Teacher Resource Bank

A-level Dance

Glossary of Command words



TERMINOLOGY USED IN WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

Command Word	Application
Analyse	Identify the elements and examine in detail in order to explain or interpret.
Comment	Express an opinion and/or response.
Compare	Identify and explain the similarities and differences by placing the points alongside each other and changing the focus from one to the other.
Consider	Think carefully about the idea or statement, taking everything into account when reaching a conclusion.
Define	Give the exact meaning in briefest possible terms.
Describe	Give a detailed account of.
Discuss	Refer to the analysis of the idea or elements and describe and evaluate the parts and the whole.
Evaluate	Pinpoint and describe the strengths and weaknesses, concluding with a judgement of which outweighs the other.
Examine	Analyse and discuss.
Explain	Clarify something by providing more detail and the reason(s) for.
Identify	Give the briefest possible information which clearly separates the idea or element from all other ideas or elements.

Illustrate	Make clear by giving explanation and examples.
Justify	Show the grounds on which a decision or conclusion is made; respond to the objections which are likely to be made.