

KEYWORDS EXPLAINED

Compare: Are the things very alike (similar) or are there important differences? Which do you think is best? Why?

Explain: Make clear.

Contrast: Look for differences.

Illustrate: Give examples which make the point clear.

Criticise: Use evidence to support your opinion on the value or merit of theories, facts or views of others.

Interpret: Explain the meaning in your own words, for example you may be asked to interpret a graph.

Define: Give the meaning.

Justify: Give reasons to support an argument or action.

Describe: Write in detail.

Outline: Choose the most important aspects of a topic. Ignore the minor detail.

Differentiate: Explain the difference.

Relate: Show the connection between things.

Discuss: Write about the important aspects of the topic, are there two sides to the question? Consider the arguments for and against.

State: Write briefly the main points.

Distinguish: Explain the difference.

Summarise: Bring together the main points.

Evaluate: Judge the importance or success.

Trace: Show how something has developed from beginning to end.