Possible Verbs for Use in Stating Cognitive Objectives*

Knowledge	Comprehension	Analysis	Application	Synthesis	Evaluation
define	discuss	compute	distinguish	diagnose	evaluate
list	describe	demonstrate	analyze	propose	compare
recall	explain	illustrate	differentiate	design	assess
name	identify	operate	compare	manage	justify
recognize	translate	perform	contrast	hypothesize	judge
state	restate	interpret	categorize	summarize	appraise
repeat	recognize	apply	appraise	compse	rate
record	express	employ	calculate	plan	revise
label	locate	use	test	formulate	score
diagnose	report	practice	criticize	arrange	select
	tell	schedule	diagrame	assemble	choose
	transform	sketch	inspect	collect	estimate
	convert	prepare	question	construct	measure
	distinguish	modify	relate	create	argue
	estimate	predict	solve	organize	decide
		extrapolate	examine	prepare	criticize
		manage	classify	modify	
			deduce	invent	
			outline	generate	

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