

# Know your command words

Command word	What is it asking you to do?	Here's an example . . .
<b>Assess</b>	Weigh up which is the most/least important.	Choose either an earthquake or a volcanic eruption. Assess the extent to which primary effects are more significant than secondary effects.
<b>Calculate</b>	Work out.	Using the data in Figure 9, calculate the interquartile range of the pebble size data.
<b>Compare</b>	Identify similarities and differences.	Using Figure 4, compare HDI values in Africa and South America.
<b>Complete</b>	Add information to finish the task.	Using Figure 10, complete the graph for Dartmoor using the following data for rainfall
<b>Describe</b>	Say what something is like. No explanation is needed.	Describe the distribution of hot deserts shown in Figure 6.
<b>Discuss</b>	Give the points on both sides of an argument and come to a conclusion.	Discuss the effects of urban sprawl on people and the environment.
<b>Evaluate</b>	Make judgements about which is most or least effective.	Evaluate the effectiveness of an urban transport scheme you have studied.
<b>Explain</b>	Give reasons why something is the case	Explain how food security can be improved.
<b>Identify</b>	Name an example, sometimes from a map, photo or graph.	Identify two data collection techniques that could be used to carry out a geographical fieldwork investigation in one of the areas shown.
<b>Justify</b>	Give evidence to support your ideas.	Do you agree with this statement? Justify your decision
<b>Outline</b>	Summarise the main points.	Outline one reason why the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has changed over time.
<b>Suggest</b>	Give a well-reasoned guess to explain something where you can't be sure of the answer.	Using Figures 11 and 12, suggest why there might be a need for water transfer from one part of the UK to another.
<b>To what extent...?</b>	Judge the importance of something.	To what extent do urban areas in LICs or NEEs provide social and economic opportunities for people?
<b>Use evidence to support this statement</b>	Choose information to prove or disprove something.	'Weather in the UK is becoming more extreme.' Use evidence to support this statement.

