



## Exercise – Pair verbs and definitions

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### Instructions

This exercise requires you to identify the definitions of different action verbs.

On page 2 there is a list of action verbs and action verb definitions – pair them together.

Answers are presented on page 3.

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## Exercise

Pair each action verb with the correct definition.

Action Verb	Definition
Analyse	
Argue	
Assess	
Compare	
Define	
Describe	
Discuss	
Evaluate	
Justify	
Outline	
Summarise	

## Definitions

- A Discuss two or more things in terms of their similarities and differences, perhaps reach a conclusion about which is preferable
- B Describe concisely the main points without details or examples
- C Identify and examine closely the component parts of a situation, model or explanation
- D Go through and identify briefly the main features of ...
- E Present a case for and/or against ...
- F Investigate or examine by argument give reasons for or against and consider implications.
- G Make clear what is meant by ...; use a definition or definitions to explore the concept of ...
- H Attempt to form a judgment about ...
- I Give a detailed or graphic account of ...
- J Give reasons why certain decisions should be made, or certain conclusions reached
- K Decide the value of ...

## Answers

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Analyse	C
Argue	E
Assess	H
Compare	A
Define	G
Describe	I
Discuss	F
Evaluate	K
Justify	J
Outline	D
Summarise	B