

# Understanding command words in English

Identify, give, find

Briefly state a fact or example.

Explain

Give reasons for how and why, using examples.

Compare

Identify similarities and/or differences.

Analyse

Examine an idea in detail by breaking it down into its key parts.

Evaluate

Consider all points and make a reasoned judgement.

How does the writer...?

Describe how language techniques are used to achieve an effect, giving examples.