Overview of cognitive verbs in the Australian Curriculum v9.0

The Arts

This overview maps the common cognitive verbs used across the Australian Curriculum v9.0: The Arts. The cognitive verbs are categorised using Marzano and Kendall's (2007) four elements of the cognitive system: retrieval, comprehension, analysis and knowledge utilisation. When brackets are used, this indicates a cognition used in The Arts that aligns to a common cognition. For the full list of common cognitive verbs, refer to the Categories of common cognitive verbs at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au.

Key: AS = Achievement standard CD = Content description.

Cognitive process*	Cognitive verb	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Retrieval	Demonstrate		AS	AS			AS	AS
	Identify		AS	AS				
	Select		CD	CD			CD	CD
	Use	AS CD	CD	CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD
	Use (Experiment with)		CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD

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Cognitive process*	Cognitive verb	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Comprehension	Describe	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
	Communicate	CD			AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD
	Explain						AS	AS
	Represent (Construct representations)		CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
Analysis	Consider				CD	CD		
	Organise		CD	CD				
	Reflect on						CD	CD
Knowledge utilisation	Create	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD
	Create (Choreograph)		CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
	Create (Co-create)		CD	CD				
	Create (Compose)		CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD

Cognitive process*	Cognitive verb	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Create (Construct)						CD	CD
	Create (Devise)				CD	CD	CD	CD
	Create (Improvise)				CD	CD	CD	CD
	Create (Shape)				CD	CD	CD	CD
	Develop	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD

* Marzano, R & Kendall, J 2007, *The New Taxonomy of Educational Objectives,* Corwin Press, Thousand Oaks, CA.

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More information

This information sheet is part of a suite of resources to support teachers in the explicit teaching and assessment of students' thinking. The suite of resources includes categories of common cognitive verbs, cognitive verb overviews and a cognitive verb toolkit with information sheets, posters and graphic organisers.

If you would like more information, please visit the QCAA website www.qcaa.qld.edu.au and search for 'cognitive verbs'. Alternatively, the suite of resources can be found here: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/aciq/version-9/cognitive-verbs-in-version-9.0.

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