

Overview of cognitive verbs in the Australian Curriculum v9.0

Design and Technologies

This overview maps the common cognitive verbs used across the Australian Curriculum v9.0: Design and Technologies. 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 Design and Technologies 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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Comprehension	Describe		AS	AS	AS	AS						
			CD	CD	CD	CD						
	Communicate	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
		CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
	Explain						AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
							CD	CD				
	Identify	AS	CD	CD								
	Select		AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	CD	CD	CD	CD
					CD	CD	CD	CD				
	Select	AS										
	(Choose)											
	Select		CD	CD	AS	AS						
	(Sequence)				CD	CD						
	Use	AS	CD	CD	AS	AS	CD	CD	CD	CD	AS	AS
		CD			CD	CD					CD	CD



	Analyse								CD	CD	CD	CD
	Apply										AS CD	AS CD
	Consider (consideration)						CD	CD			CD	CD
	Examine				CD	CD						
	Judge (Make judgments)										CD	CD
Knowledge utilisation	Create	AS	AS	AS	AS CD							
	Create (Make)	AS CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
	Create (Produce)		AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS	AS
	Develop						AS CD	AS CD	CD	CD	AS CD	AS CD
	Develop (Generate)	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
	Evaluate	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
	Investigate						CD	CD	CD	CD	CD	CD
	Justify						AS	AS	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD	AS CD

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



References

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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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