Verbs Requiring Cognitive Outcomes

SIMPLE

COMPLEX

Critical Thinking

Analysis
- distinguish
- analyze
- differentiate
- appraise
- calculate
- experiment
- test
- compare
- contrast
- criticize
- diagram
- inspect
- debate
- inventory
- question
- relate
- solve
- examine
- categorize
- discriminate
- deduce
- put into list
- describe
- classify
- categorize

Synthesis
- compose
- plan +
- evaluate
- propose
- design +
- value
- formulate
- arrange
- revise
- score
- select
- choose
- assess
- estimate
- measure
- organize
- consider
- conclude
- weigh
- criticize
- assess

Evaluation

Knowledge
- define
- repeat
- record
- list
- name
- relate
- underline
- recall
- inquire
- record
- recognize
- match
- memorize
- select
- distinguish
- identify
- label
- translate
- restate
- discuss
- describe
- recognize
- explain
- express
- identify
- locate
- report
- review
- tell
- change
- rearrange
- give example
- illustrate
- comment
- transform
- demonstrate
- infer
- generalize
- interpret
- summarize

Recall:

Comprehension: To remember previously learned material.

Application: To grasp the meaning of the knowledge being learned and be able to paraphrase or explain it.

Analysis: The ability to use learned information and materials.

Synthesis: The ability to break material down into its elements or parts so that its organizational structure may be understood.

The ability to combine previous experience with new material to form a structure.