**IB command terms glossary**

**Level 1**  
Define  
Give the precise meaning of a word, phrase, concept or quantity.  
  
Describe  
Give a detailed account.  
  
Outline  
Give a brief account or summary.  
  
State  
Give a specific name, value or other answer without explanation.  
  
  
**Level 2**  
Analyse  
Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure.  
  
Apply  
Use and idea or theory in relation to a given problem or issue.  
  
Distinguish  
Make clear differences between two concepts or items.  
  
Explain  
Give a detailed account including reasons or causes.  
  
  
**Level 3**  
Compare  
Give a detailed account of similarities between items, referring to all of them throughout.  
  
Contrast  
Give a detailed account of differences between items, referring to all of them throughout.  
  
Discuss  
Offer a considered and balanced review that includes a range of arguments, factors or hypotheses. Opinions or conclusions should be presented clearly and supported by evidence.  
  
Evaluate  
Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.  
  
Examine  
Consider and argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of an issue.  
  
To what extent  
Consider the merits of otherwise of an argument or concept. Opinions and conclusions should be presented clearly and supported with appropriate evidence and sound argument.

A command terms quizlet is [here](http://quizlet.com/2906855/ib-psychology-command-terms-flash-cards/)to test your knowledge. Brainy box here: <http://www.classtools.net/brainybox/72_ZdYZLj>