

Key Words and Phrases

Throughout the assessment, key words and phrases are used to identify the type of response required from you. The key words and their explanations are listed below. Refer to these explanations to ensure you are responding to the question that is asked.

Compare:

Tell what is the same and what is different.

Describe:

Tell about something in a step-by-step manner. Use words, number, graphs, diagrams, symbols, charts and/or pictures to do this.

Explain:

Use words and symbols to make your solutions clear and understandable.

Give reasons for your answer:

Explain your reasoning in your own words. Give reasons and evidence to show your answer is correct or proper.

List:

Write down or identify in point form.

Show your work:

Record all calculations. Include all the steps you went through to get your answer. You may want to use words, numbers, graphs, diagrams, symbols, charts and/or pictures to explain your thinking.