

## Directional Words

<b>Clue Word</b>	<b>What to Do</b>
Analyze	Tell about the main ideas, how they are related, and why they are important
Comment on	Discuss, criticize, or explain the subject
Compare	Show how things are similar
Contrast	Show how things are different
Criticize	Evaluate something on the basis of its strengths and weaknesses
Define	Give the meaning of something
Describe	Write detailed information about something
Diagram	Make a graph, chart, or drawing; label it and write a short explanation
Discuss	Give details of an idea and explain the good and bad of each
Enumerate	Name or list the main ideas one by one
Evaluate	Give your own judgment or relate an expert's opinion of how important an idea is; explain strengths and weaknesses
Illustrate	Explain by giving examples
Interpret	Give the meaning by using examples or personal ideas
Justify	Give reasons why you think an idea is important
List	Write down and number
Outline	Write main ideas in organized order
Prove	Show by logic or reason that something is true
Relate	Describe how things are connected or how one thing can cause another
Review	Give a summary by telling the important parts
State	Describe as clearly as you can
Summarize	Give a short list or explanation of the main ideas
Trace	Follow the progress or history of an idea