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Potential List of Verbs for Formulating Learning Objectives:

The following verbs have been found to be effective in formulating learning objectives:

Verbs that communicate knowledge

Information	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
cite	assess	apply	analyze	arrange	appraise
count	associate	calculate	appraise	assemble	assess
define	classify	choose	contract	collect	choose
describe	compare	complete	contrast	combine	compare
draw	compute	demonstrate	criticize	compose	critique
identify	contrast	develop	debate	construct	decide
indicate	demonstrate	employ	deduce	create	determine
list	describe	examine	detect	design	estimate
name	differentiate	illustrate	diagram	detect	evaluate
point	discuss	interpolate	differentiate	document	grade
quote	distinguish	interpret	distinguish	formulate	judge
read	estimate	locate	experiment	generalize	measure
recite	explain	match	infer	integrate	rank
recognize	express	operate	inspect	manage	rate
record	extrapolate	order	inventory	organize	recommend
relate	interpolate	practice	measure	plan	revise
repeat	interpret	predict	question	prepare	score
select	locate	prescribe	separate	prescribe	select
state	predicts	relate	summarize	produce	test
summarize	report	report		propose	
tabulate	restate	restate		specify	
tell	review	review		validate	
trace	translate	schedule			
update		select			
write		sketch			
		solve			
		translate			
		treat			
		use			
		utilize			



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Verbs that impart skills

demonstrate
diagnose
diagram
empathize
hold
integrate
internalize

listen
massage
measure
operate
palpate
pass
percuss

project
record
visualize
write

Verbs that convey attitudes

acquire
consider
exemplify
modify
plan

realize
reflect
revise
transfer

These verbs should be avoided

Those that are often used but open to many interpretations

appreciate
believe
have faith in
know
learn
understand