

MYP command terms for language acquisition

The table below illustrates some of the most commonly-used command terms in MYP language acquisition.

Command term	Definition
Analyse	Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure. (To identify parts, relationships and interpret information to reach conclusions.)
*Communicate	To give messages or information to others through speech, writing, body movements or signals. When assessing criterion C, this refers to giving messages or information to others through speech. *“To be able to communicate” is an overarching aim in language acquisition.
Demonstrate	Make clear by reasoning or evidence, illustrating with examples or practical application.
Describe	Give a detailed account or picture of a situation, event, pattern or process.
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 appropriate evidence.
Evaluate	Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.
Examine	Consider an argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of the issue.
Explain	Give a detailed account including reasons or causes.
Find	Obtain an answer showing relevant stages in the working.
Identify	Provide an answer from a number of possibilities. Recognize and state briefly a distinguishing fact or feature.
Interpret	Use knowledge and understanding to recognize trends and draw conclusions from given information.
Justify	Give valid reasons or evidence to support an answer or conclusion.
Organize	Put ideas and information into a proper or systematic order; give structure to a text.
Outline	Give a brief account or summary.
Present	Offer for display, observation, examination or consideration.
State	Give a specific name, value or other brief answer without explanation.
Summarize	Abstract a general theme or major point(s).
Synthesize	Combine different ideas in order to create new understanding.
Use	Apply knowledge or rules to put theory into practice
On-screen examinations in language acquisition will draw from the full list of MYP command terms that is available in <i>MYP: From principles into practice</i> .	