

ACTIVE VERBS for behaviors
a list purportedly from James Popham

Creative behaviors

Alter	Predict	Re-organize	Retell
Ask	Question	Re-order	Re-write
Change	Re-arrange	Re-phrase	Simplify
Design	Re-combine	Restate	Synthesize
Generalize	Reconstruct	Restructure	Systematize
Modify	Re-group	Revise	Vary
Paraphrase	Rename		

Complex, logical, judgmental behaviors

Analyze	Contrast	Evaluate	Infer
appraise	Criticize	Explain	Plan
Combine	Decide	Formulate	Structure
Compare	Deduce	Generate	Substitute
Conclude	Defend	Induce	

General discriminative behaviors

Choose	Discriminate	List	Place
Collect	Distinguish	Match	Point
Define	Identify	Omit	Separate
Describe	Indicate	Pick	Select
Differentiate	Isolate		

Study behaviors

Arrange	Copy	Locate	Quote
Categorize	Diagram	Look	Record
Chart	Find	Map	Reproduce
Cite	Follow	Mark	Search
Circle	Gather	Name	Sort
Classify	Itemize	Note	Underline
Compile	Label	Organize	

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“fuzzy” words not to use: to know, to understand, to really understand, to fully appreciate, to grasp the significance of