## Exam Command Words



Command	What's required	Concept	How to approach it
Analyse	Break down into its fundamental parts and examine each in detail setting out its significance.	Analyse	key point I shows/illustrates/ affects Name and describe each key point.
Compare	Identify differences and similarities between two or more sources of information.	Difference Similarities Difference  Compare	By comparision however,/ whereas, more/less than, same as.
Describe	Use facts to write about features of the source of evidence.	Fact Fact  Fact Fact  Fact Fact	Characteristics, features, relationships, effects, patterns, trends etc.
Discuss	Build up a balanced argument using supporting details.	Discuss  Argument 1  Argument 2	This fact shows The conclusion is supported by An example of this is
Evaluate	Make a judgement about, or give an opinion on a source of evidence based on supporting details.	Evaluate	The evidence shows I believe that In my opinion
Explain	Give reasons or causes. Show an understanding of how or why something works or happens as it does.	Reason  Cause  Reason  Cause  Reason  Cause  Reason  Cause	Such and such happened which shows and causes and will/can affect
Summarise	Draw your key ideas and key points about a source of evidence together into a short passage of writing.	Summarise	Must be: concise, accurate, objective and condense information into Key points.