

Key Verbs and Tasks used in Constructive Response

Analyze

Examining carefully by looking at the different parts of the whole and figuring out how they are related to each other.

Apply

Using what you have learned to demonstrate show, or relate something.

Compare

Using examples to show how things are similar.

Contrast

Using examples to show how things are different.

Evaluate

Making a judgment backed up with support.

Infer

Making an educated guess or hypothesizing... reading between the lines.

Interpret

Explaining a possible meaning of a text

Paraphrase

Putting the author's ideas into your own words

Predict

Using information available to make an educated guess about future events

Summarize

Presenting the author's main ideas in a shortened form

Support

Using specific facts to "back up" your answer, utilize details and examples from the text.

Synthesize

Combining several ideas and making something new