Behavioral Verbs for Writing Objectives in the Cognitive, Affective and Psychomotor Domains

Stating Cognitive Outcomes

Knowledge  Comprehension  Application  Analysis  Synthesis  Evaluation
Define     discuss      compute     distinguish     diagnose     evaluate
List       describe     demonstrate analyze propose compare
Recall     explain      illustrate differentiate design assess
Name       identify     operate     compare manage justify
Recognize translate perform contrast hypothesize judge
State      restate      interpret categorize summarize appraise
Repeat     express      apply      appraise plan rate
Record     convert      use       classify formulate choose
Label      estimate     practice outline arrange decide
Predict

Stating Affective Outcomes

Receiving  Responding  Valuing  Organization  Value Complex
sit erect  answer join adhere act
Reply      greet      share integrate practice
Accept     read      complete organize discriminate
Show       report     follow influence

Stating Psychomotor Outcomes

Perception Set Guided Response Mechanism Complex Adaptation Origination
Identify react display display display adapt create
detect respond manipulate manipulate manipulate revise compose
differentiate start work work work change arrange
perform write operate

Words not to be used as cognitive objectives!
Know really know understand appreciate become
Learn thinks critically approach improve grow
Increase expand horizons grasp the significance of