

Introduction >

Core syllabus >

Assessment >

Appendices ▾

Glossary of command terms

Appendices

Home > Guide > Appendices > Glossary of command terms

Glossary of command terms

Command terms for film

Students should be familiar with the following key terms and phrases used in the DP film assessment objectives and assessment criteria, which are to be understood as described below. Although these terms will be used frequently in the assessment criteria, other terms are also used to direct students to present their work in a specific way.

Command term	Assessment objective level	Definition
Analyse	AO2	Break down in order to bring out the essential elements or structure.
Apply	AO2	Use an idea, equation, principle, theory or law in relation to a given problem or issue.
Compare and contrast	AO3	Give an account of similarities and differences between two (or more) items or situations, referring to both (all) of them throughout.
Demonstrate	AO2	Make clear by reasoning or evidence, illustrating with examples or practical application.
Describe	AO1	Give a detailed account.
Discuss	AO3	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	AO3	Make an appraisal by weighing up the strengths and limitations.
Explain	AO2	Give a detailed account including reasons or causes.
Explore	AO2	Undertake a systematic process of discovery.
Formulate	AO1	Express precisely and systematically the relevant concept(s) or argument(s).
Identify	AO1	Provide an answer from a number of possibilities.
Interpret	AO3	Use knowledge and understanding to recognize trends and draw conclusions from given information.
Investigate	AO3	Observe, study or make a detailed and systematic examination in order to establish facts and reach new conclusions.
Justify	AO3	Give valid reasons or evidence to support an answer or conclusion.
List	AO4	Give a sequence of brief answers with no explanation.
Outline	AO1	Give a brief account or summary.
Present	AO1	Offer for display, observation, examination or consideration.
To what extent	AO3	Consider the merits or otherwise of an argument or concept. Opinions and conclusions should be presented clearly and supported with appropriate evidence and sound argument.