ACTION VERBS FOR USE IN DEVELOPING OBJECTIVES

THESE VERBS ARE BETTER AVOIDED	**Those that are often used but are open to many interpretations:** appreciate, have faith in, know, learn, understand, believe

LEVEL OF LEARNING	**COGNITIVE LEARNING** The participant should be able to...
Knowledge *(remember information)*	characterize, cite, count, define, describe, draw, identify, indicate, label, list, match, name, outline, point, quote, read, recall, recite, recognize, record, relate, repeat, reproduce, select, state, tabulate, tell, trace, write
Comprehension *(understand or organize stored info.)*	associate, classify, compare, compute, contrast, convert, defend, derive, describe, differentiate, discuss, distinguish, estimate, explain, express, extend, extrapolate, generate, give examples, illustrate, infer, interpolate, interpret, locate, paraphrase, predict, reorder, report, restate, review, rewrite, summarize, translate
Application *(use info. to solve problems)*	apply, calculate, change, choose, classify, complete, compute, demonstrate, discover, dramatize, employ, examine, illustrate, interpolate, interpret, locate, manipulate, modify, operate, order, practice, predict, prepare, produce, relate, report, restate, review, schedule, select, show, sketch, solve, translate, use, utilize
Analysis *(consider evidence to reach conclusion)*	analyze, appraise, break down, conclude, contract, criticize, debate, deduce, detect, determine, diagram, differentiate, discriminate, distinguish, experiment, identify, illustrate, infer, inspect, inventory, outline, point out, question, regroup, relate, separate, select, separate, subdivide, summarize
Synthesis *(break down info. To understand components)*	arrange, assemble, categorize, codify, collect, combine, compile, compose, construct, create, design, detect, develop, devise, draw, explain, formulate, generalize, generate, integrate, manage, modify, organize, originate, plan, predict, prepare, prescribe, produce, propose, rearrange, reconstruct, relate, reorganize, revise, rewrite, solve, specify, summarize, synthesize, tell, write
Evaluation *(judge merit)*	appraise, argue, assess, choose, compare, conclude, contrast, criticize, critique, decide, describe, discriminate, determine, estimate, explain, evaluate, grade, interpret, judge, justify, measure, rank, rate, recommend, relate, revise, score, select, summarize, support, test

LEVEL OF LEARNING	**PSYCHOMOTOR LEARNING** The participant should be able to ...
Motor skills	auscultate, diagnose, hold, measure, palpate, pass, percuss, project, visualize, etc.

LEVEL OF LEARNING	AFFECTIVE LEARNING The participant should be able to...
Receive *(attend to stimuli)*	ask, choose, describe, follow, give, hold, identify, locate, name, pick, point to, select, reply, use
Respond *(react to stimuli)*	aid, answer, assist, comply, conform, discuss greet, help, label, perform, practice, present, read, recite, report, select, tell, write
Value *(attach significance to ideas)*	complete, describe, differentiate, explain, follow, form, initiate, invite, join, justify, propose, read, report, select, share, start, study, work
Organization *(build value systems)*	adhere, alter, arrange, assemble, combine, compare, complete, defend, explain, generalize, identify , integrate, modify , order, organize, prepare, relate, synthesize
Characterization *(develop person style)*	act, convince, discriminate, display, exemplify , influence, listen, modify , perform, practice, question, reflect, revise, serve, solve, use, verify