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Study Skills

Academic Keywords

Account for	Give reasons for; explain why something happens.
Analyse	Examine in very close detail; identify important points and chief features.
Compare	Look for similarities and differences between. Indicate the relevance or consequences of these similarities
Contrast	Set items in opposition in order to bring out the differences. Indicate whether the differences are significance.
Critically evaluate	Weight arguments for and against something. Back your judgement by reasoning or discussing of evidence.
Define	Give the exact meaning of a word, phrase, or idea. Show that the distinctions implied in the definition are necessary.
Describe	Give a detailed or graphic account
Discuss	Make plain; interpret and account for; give reasons for and against.
Distinguish	Bring out the differences between two (possible confusable) items.
Evaluate	Make an appraisal of the worth of something, in the light of its apparent truth or utility.
Examine	Present in depth and investigate the implications.
Explain	Make plain, interpret and account for in detail.

More examples of keywords on the back of this sheet.