

Command words (general usage)

Some of these command words will be in your exam. Make sure you read the full question in your exam.

Calculate, Find, Solve, Work out	Working may be necessary to answer the question, but no working needs to be shown unless otherwise specified.
Write down, Write	Neither working nor justification is required.
Complete, Insert	Add words, numbers, labels or plots to complete a sentence, statement, table, diagram or graph.
Use	The answer must use or refer to the information given in the question.
Choose, Circle, Select	Make a selection from the information provided.
Label, Mark, Identify	Indicate the specified location or response.
Prove	Provide a formal mathematical argument that demonstrates the validity of the given statement.
Draw	Draw to an accuracy appropriate to the question.
Plot	Mark or draw a plot on squared or graph paper for a given range of values.
Sketch	Draw freehand the most important features of a curve or line. It does not have to be drawn to scale.
Show that	Provide structured evidence that leads to a given result. It is not sufficient to use the given value(s) to verify the result. The explanation must cover the argument with no omissions or incorrect work shown.