

Key Essay Words

Analyse:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- break up into parts- examine methodically and in detail
Compare:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- look for similarities and differences, but with the emphasis on similarities
Contrast:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- highlight the differences between
Define:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give the meaning of- describe the subject matter or nature of
Describe:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give a detailed account of: including characteristics, qualities or events
Differentiate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- show the differences between
Distinguish:	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- recognise or indicate the distinctive features, attributes, or traits
Discuss:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give reasons for and against- also examine the implications- investigate, sift and debate
Elaborate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- explain in minute detail- give account of- work out in detail
Enumerate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give the main features or general principles of a subject- mention them one by one
Evaluate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give your opinion or judgement
Criticise:	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- back your opinion or judgement by evidence or reasoning
Examine:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- inspect in detail- investigate thoroughly
Explain:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- make clear by describing in more detail- reveal the relevant facts or ideas of the subject
Explore:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- examine thoroughly and discuss in detail- consider a variety of viewpoints
Illustrate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- show the meaning of
Interpret:	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- make clear by using examples, charts, drawings etc
Justify:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- show adequate grounds for decisions or conclusions- prove right the main objections likely to be made
Narrative:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- a written account of connected events
Outline:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give a general plan showing the essential features but not the minor details
List:	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- show a number of connected items
Prove:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- demonstrate to be true by evidence or argument
Relate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give an account of a sequence of events and how they affect each other
State:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- specify and present in a brief, clear form of writing
Summarise:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- give a brief statement of the main points of something
Review:	similar meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- omit minor details and examples
Substantiate:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- provide evidence to support or prove the truth
Trace:		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- follow the development or history of a topic from some point of origin