

## Key words of Academic Assignments

**Examine your Assignment/Essay title for any of the words below:**

**Key words: Meaning:**

<i>Analyse</i>	Break up into parts; investigate
<i>Compare</i>	Look for similarities and differences between; perhaps conclude which item is preferable
<i>Contrast</i>	Bring out the differences between
<i>Define</i>	Give the precise meaning of; explain in detail
<i>Describe</i>	Give a detailed account
<i>Discuss</i>	Consider an issue in writing, weighing up points for and against
<i>Evaluate</i>	Weigh up and judge the merits, giving evidence
<i>Examine</i>	Look closely into
<i>Explain</i>	Make clear; interpret; give reasons for
<i>Explore</i>	Consider thoroughly from a variety of viewpoints
<i>Illustrate</i>	Give examples which make the point clear
<i>Interpret</i>	Explain in your own words; give your own understanding of
<i>Justify</i>	Give reasons to support an idea or action
<i>Outline</i>	Give the main features or general principles of a subject, emphasising structure and arrangement
<i>Relate</i>	Show the connections between
<i>State</i>	Express in words; present in a brief, clear form
<i>Summarise</i>	Give a brief account of the main points, omitting details and examples
<i>Trace</i>	Follow the development of