

## **Key words of Academic Assignments**

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

Account for:	Give reasons for; explain;
Analyse:	Break up into parts; investigate;
Apply:	Analyse one idea in terms of another; connect two ideas;
Collate:	Bring together; compare critically;
Compare:	Look for similarities and differences between; perhaps conclude which item is preferable;
Consider:	Take into account; weigh up advantages/disadvantages;
Contextualise:	Put in context;
Contrast:	Bring out the differences between;
Critique:	Criticise; give your judgement on the good or bad points, backing up your views with evidence and explanation;
Define:	Give the precise meaning of; explain in detail;
Demonstrate:	Prove with examples; show;
Describe:	Give a detailed account;
Develop:	Explain in detail; elaborate on;
Discuss:	Consider an issue in writing, weighing up points for and against;
Evaluate:	Weigh up and judge the merits, giving evidence;
Examine:	Look closely into;
Explain:	Make clear; interpret; give reasons for;
Explore:	Consider thoroughly from a variety of viewpoints;
Identify:	Point out and describe;
Illustrate:	Give examples which make the point clear;
Interpret:	Explain in your own words; give your own understanding of;
Investigate:	Examine in detail;
Justify:	Give reasons to support an idea or action;

## **Learning Development**

- Outline: Give the main features or general principles of a subject, emphasising structure and arrangement;
- Reflect on: Think about; evaluate;
- Relate: Show the connections between;
- Review: Make a survey of, examining the subject carefully;
- State: Express in words; present in a brief, clear form;
- Summarise: Give a brief account of the main points, omitting details and examples;
- Synthesise: Bring elements together to make a complex whole; draw together or integrate issues;
- Trace: Follow the development of.