Verbs Requiring Cognitive Outcomes



Critical Thinking

Evaluation

Knowledge

define repeat record list name relate underline recall inquire record recognize match memorize select distinguish identify label

Comprehension

translate restate discuss describe recognize explain express identify locate report review tell change rearrange give example illustrate comment transform demonstrate infer generalize interpret summarize

interpret apply employ use demonstrate dramatize practice illustrate operate

Application

schedule shop sketch organize reconstruct solve transfer generalize choose classify

Analysis distinguish analyze differentiate appraise calculate experiment test compare contrast criticize diagram inspect debate inventory question relate solve

examine

deduce

describe

classify

categorize

categorize

discriminate

put into list

Synthesis judge appraise compose evaluate plan + rate propose compare design + value formulate revise arrange score assemble select collect choose construct assess create estimate set up measure organize consider prepare conclude solve + weigh produce + criticize assess

Knowledge Recall:

To remember previously learned material.

calculate

Comprehension: To grasp the meaning of the knowledge being learned and be able to paraphrase

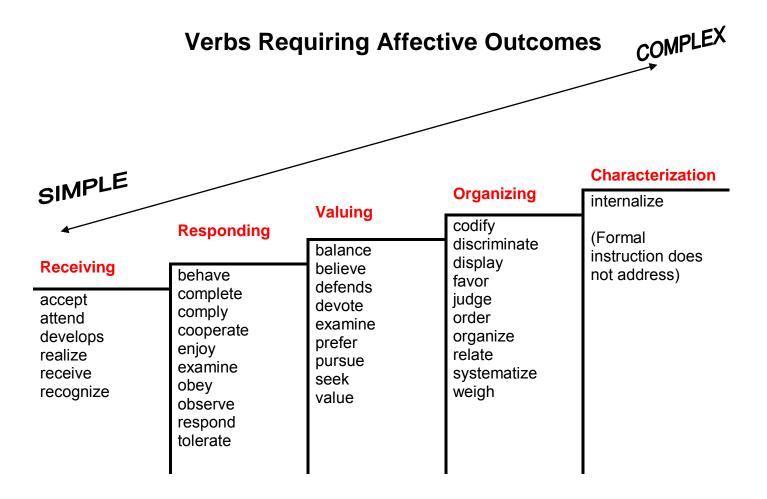
or explain it.

Application: The ability to use learned information and materials.

The ability to break material down into its elements or parts so that its organizational **Analysis:**

structure may be understood.

Synthesis: The ability to combine previous experience with new material to form a structure.



Receiving: Awareness, willingness to receive, and controlled attention.

Responding: Compliance in reacting to a suggestion, willingness to respond, and satisfaction in

response.

Valuing: Accepting a value as a belief, indication of preference for the value, and commitment.

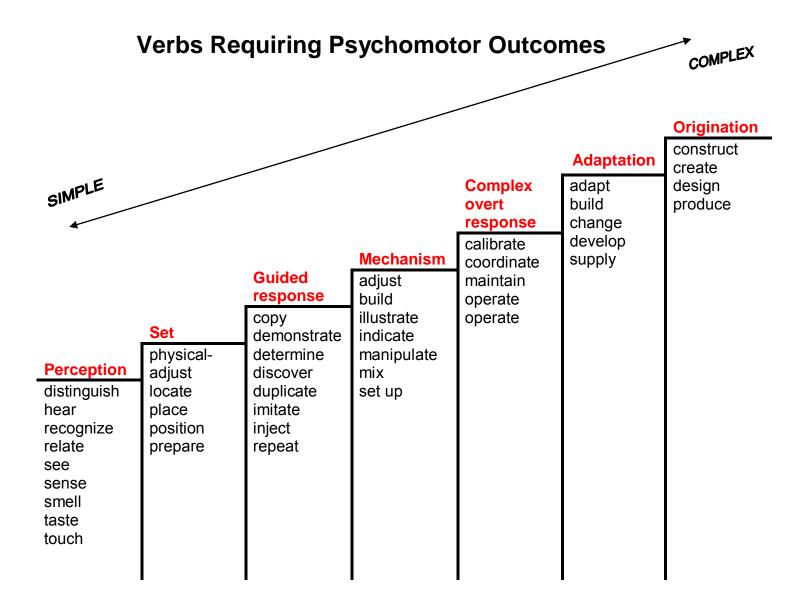
Organizing: Conceptualization of a value in abstract or symbolic terms and organization of a value

system.

Characterization of an internally consistent value system:

The individual acts consistently in accordance with the values he/she has

internalized.



Perception: Involves sensitivity to a situation object, or relationship that normally leads to

action.

Preparation: Involves readiness to perform.

Orientation: Involves the discovery and/or decision of the response(s) which must be made.

Pattern: Involves a learned response that is habitual; presentation is smooth and the

presenter has confidence in his ability.

Performance: Involves a complex motor action, carried out with a high degree of skill. (May be

thought of as motor synthesis.)

Watch Out for Verbs that are not Measurable

In order for an objective to give maximum structure to instruction, it should be free of vague or ambiguous words or phrases. The following lists notoriously ambiguous words or phrases which should be avoided so that the intended outcome is concise and explicit.

WORDS TO AVOID

Believe

Hear

Realize

Capacity

Intelligence Recognize

Comprehend

Know

See

Conceptualize

Listen

Self-Actualize

Depth

Memorize

Think

Experience

Perceive

Understand

Feel

PHRASES TO AVOID

Evidence a (n): 'cf'To Become: "cf'To Reduce:

Appreciation for...

Acquainted with...

Anxiety

Attitude of...

Adjusted to...

Immaturity

Awareness of...

Capable of...

Insecurity

Comprehension of...

Cognizant of...

Enjoyment of...

Conscious of...

Feeling for...

Familiar with...

Interest in...

Interested in...

Knowledge of...

Knowledgeable about...

Understanding of...

Self-Confident in ...