Writing Learning Objectives Helper

Use the following list of words to formulate your own learning objectives.

A **Learning Objective** is an expected goal or purpose for the lesson. These are often posed as a question.

A **Learning Outcome** is what the learner will be able to do or the knowledge/ skills they will have gained from the lesson.

Gaining Knowledge
Define, describe, identify, label, name, outline recall, select, state, present, organise, recount, recognise, underline, know, match

Understanding knowledge
Interpret, translate, estimate, explain, comprehend, clarify, distinguish, generalise, exemplify, infer, paraphrase, predict, rewrite, summarise, report, present, identify, illustrate, indicate, find, select, understand, represent, formulate, classify, express

Applying knowledge
Organise, measure, exemplify, perform, contrast, compare, apply, solve, construct, demonstrate, change, compute, discover, manipulate, modify, operate, predict, prepare, produce, relate, show, use, exemplify, select, explain, find, choose, assess, practice, operate, illustrate, verify

Analysing knowledge
Extend, discuss, recognise, distinguish, analyse, break down, differentiate, identify, illustrate how, infer, outline, relate, select, separate, divide, compare, contrast, justify, resolve, examine, conclude, criticise, question, diagnose, categorise

Synthesising knowledge
Reproduce, convert, rewrite, construct, modify, produce, structure, propose, present, integrate, formulate, teach, develop, combine, compile, compose, create, devise, design, explain, generate, modify, organise, plan, re-arrange, reconstruct, relate, re-organise, revise, write, manage, generalise, precis, summarise, restate, account for, report, alter, argue, order, select, manage, generalise, derive, conclude, synthesise, suggest, enlarge

Evaluating knowledge
Justify, defend, judge, appraise, assess, conclude, evaluate, compare, contrast, describe how, criticise, conceptualise, discriminate, rate, determine, choose, value, question, rationalise, estimate, calculate, gauge, measure

Pose as a question:
How can I summarise…?
What generalisations can be made about…?
How will I develop…?
Why should I justify…?
How can I evaluate…?

Pose as an outcome:
To summarise…
To list important generalisations about…
To develop…
To justify…
Learners will evaluate…