

INSTRUCTIONAL QUESTIONS & ACTIVITIES—BLOOM'S TAXONOMY

	Definition	Trigger Words		Questions	Tasks	
KNOWLEDGE	Remembering previously learned material, e.g., definitions, concepts, principles, formulas.	Name Define Memorize Recognize Identify Locate	Recite State Label Select Describe List	Define the word "haiku." List the countries in Central America In what year did the Civil War begin? Who wrote Little Women? How much is 3 + 5? What is the capital of Illinois? With what kind of music is Scott Joplin associated? What is software?	Events People Recordings Newspapers Magazine articles	Television shows Radio Text readings Films/videos A play Filmstrip
COMPREHENSION	Understanding the meaning of remembered materials, usually demonstrated by explaining in one's own words or citing examples.	Match Restate Paraphrase Rewrite Give	Example Express Illustrate	Give examples of Fairy Tales. Paraphrase the story you just read. Express in your own words how you would handle the same situation.	Speech Graph Diagram Photograph Own statement	Tape recording Drama Skit Cartoon story
		Interpret Interrelate Explain Extend	Defend Distinguish Summarize	Tell why the main character left town so quickly. In what ways are walruses and seals alike? In what ways do they differ? Compare the techniques of persuasion used in these two political commercials. How is the tango like the waltz? How do they differ?	Model Outline Compare Conclusion Implication based	on data Summary Analogy Causal relationships
APPLICATION	The ability to use learned information in a novel situation.	Organize Generalize Prepare Produce Dramatize Choose Modify	Use Sketch Apply Solve Show Paint	Write a persuasive composition. Make sure you consider readers' concerns. Apply Newton's Law of Motion to everyday activities. Choose which bank account you would prefer based on all the information that is given to you by the three banks.	Diagram Sculpture Photograph Illustration Paper which follows outline A solution	A map A list Forecast A project A drama A painting A question
ANALYSIS	The ability to separate material into its component parts for the purpose of understanding the organization structure.	Compare Analyze Classify Survey Distinguish Categorize Differentiate Subdivide Point out Infer Select		Sort these musical instruments by family (e.g., woodwinds) In what sequence did the events take place? How does a solar panel work? How does the poet create a mood of sadness? Use the bar graph to determine which three flavors of ice cream are the most popular. What process was used to create this sculpture? Classify these angles as acute, right, or obtuse.	report survey graph questionnaire an argument a word define parts of propaganda statement identified a conclusion checked a syllogism broken down	
SYNTHESIS	The ability to combine component parts into a new structure.	Design Combine Role play Compose Create Plan Construct	Hypothesize Organize Produce Develop Invent Originate	What would happen if everybody stopped watching television? Predict what will be the results be if you combine vinegar and baking soda. What rule applies in this situation? What is the main idea of the story? Based on your research, what can you conclude about the role of lobbyists in shaping legislation? Predict how the story will end.	Article Invention Report Game Song Machine Experiment Play Book Speculate on or plan alternative courses of action A formulation of hypothesis or question Set or rules, principles or standards	
EVALUATION	The ability to judge the value of material according to specified criteria.	Judge Relate Weigh Critique Support Evaluate Consider Critique	Recommend Evaluate Summarize Appraise Compare	Is the experiment designed so that Paul will be able to tell whether playing music influences plant growth? Why? What is the best solution to the problem of getting people to recycle? Why? Do you believe the claims made in the ad? Why or why not? Was our involvement in Vietnam worth the costs? Why? Should the death penalty be abolished? Why?	Conclusion Self-evaluation Recommendation Group discussion Court trial Survey Evaluation A standard compared A standard established valuing	