**WRITING INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES**

**ILLUSTRATIVE VERBS**

***Knowledge –*** *Involves remembering facts, terms and principles. No real understanding is implied at this level.*

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| Acquire | List | Recall  | Repeat  |
| Define  | Identify | Record | Underline  |
| Distinguish | Name | Relate |  |

***Comprehension –*** *This can be considered understanding. Isolated facts are not comprehended. This has more to do with how facts relate to one another and the generalization of facts.*

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| Change | Discuss | Express | Illustrate | Predict | Rephrase | Tell  |
| Demonstrate | Distinguish  | Extend | Interpret | Read | Report | Translate  |
| Describe | Draw | Extrapolate | Locate  | Rearrange | Represent |  |
| Determine | Estimate | Fill in | Make | Recognize | Restate |  |
| Differentiate | Explain | Identify | Prepare | Reorder | Review  |  |

***Application –*** *This is where a learner is required to use information and ideas and demonstrate that they are comprehended in a concrete situation.*

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| Apply  | Demonstrate | Employ | Operate | Relate | Sketch |
| Choose | Develop | Illustrate  | Organize | Restructure | Transfer |
| Classify | Dramatize | Interpret | Practice | Schedule | Use |

***Analysis –*** *This involves determining the structure of something. It requires breaking something down into its component parts.*

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| Analyze  | Contrast  | Detect | Examine  | Question  |  |
| Calculate  | Criticize  | Diagram | Experiment  | Relate  |
| Categorize  | Debate  | Distinguish  | Inspect  | Solve  |
| Compare  | Deduce | Discriminate | Inventory  | Test |

***Synthesis –*** *This is required in putting together a number of facts to come up with the solution to a problem or the creation of something new.*

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| Arrange  | Compose  | Design  | Modify | Propose |
| Assemble  | Construct  | Develop | Organize  | Relate |
| Classify | Create  | Document | Plan  | Specify |
| Collect  | Deduce | Formulate  | Prepare | Set up  |
| Combine | Derive | Manage  | Produce | Write |

***Evaluation –*** *This deals with the student’s ability to make judgments about the value of material for specified purposes.*

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| Appraise  | Choose | Contrast |  | Judge | Revise  |
| Argue | Compare | Decide |  | Measure | Standardize |
| Assess  | Consider | Estimate  | Rate | Validate |

Definitions are taken from Ortiz, K. K., & Lewis, R. R., (1988). A Guide to Classroom Testing and Evaluation, 2nd ed. Costa Mesa, CA: Economics Research Inc.