



WALL DECODER

Directive Words, Decoded

The directive verb decides your structure. Misread it and even brilliant content scores low. Learn what each one is really asking.

Discuss

EXAMINE FROM MULTIPLE ANGLES

Present several viewpoints / for & against, then a balanced position.

Examine

INVESTIGATE CLOSELY

Probe causes, components and assumptions. Inspect — don't just describe.

Critically analyse

ANALYSE + JUDGE

Break into parts, weigh merits & demerits, end with a reasoned verdict.

Evaluate

JUDGE THE WORTH

Appraise success / value with evidence; reach a clear assessment.

Assess

JUDGE QUALITY / EXTENT

Weigh significance and reach a measured stance with reasons.

To what extent

MEASURE THE DEGREE

Argue how far a claim holds; agree in part, qualify, take a calibrated stand.

Comment

GIVE A REASONED OPINION

State your view with justification; keep it balanced, not one-sided.

Elucidate / Explain

MAKE IT CLEAR

Clarify with detail, definitions and concrete examples.

Elaborate

ADD DEPTH

Expand with dimensions, examples and data — go beyond the obvious.

Illustrate

SHOW WITH EXAMPLES

Explain using concrete cases, a diagram, or a real-world instance.

Substantiate

BACK THE CLAIM

Support the statement with evidence, data and authority.

Justify

DEFEND WITH REASONS

Give arguments in support; show why it holds.