## List of Verbs for Formulating Educational Objectives

The following verbs have been found to be effective in formulating educational objectives:

1. **Those that communicate knowledge:**

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<th>Information</th>
<th>Comprehension</th>
<th>Application</th>
<th>Analysis</th>
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<td>cite, indicate, recite, state, write</td>
<td>identify, quote, relate, tabulate, count</td>
<td>assess, contrast, distinguish, interpolate, restate, associate</td>
<td>apply, demonstrate, estimate, express, review, use</td>
<td>analyze, criticize, diagram, infer, question, appraise</td>
<td>appraise, decide, judge, revise</td>
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<td>read, repeat, trace, draw</td>
<td>identify, describe, name, recognize, point, record, summarize</td>
<td>estimate, interpret, review, translate, discuss</td>
<td>predict, sketch, calculate</td>
<td>integrate, produce, organize, design, collect</td>
<td>critique, evaluate, rank, score, assess</td>
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<td>select, select</td>
<td>list, tell, define, list</td>
<td>restate, review, compare</td>
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<td>update, draw</td>
<td>interpret, compute, discuss, describe</td>
<td>extrapolate, complete</td>
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2. **Those that impart skills:**

| demonstrate | hold, massage, pass, visualize, diagnose | integrate, measure, write, diagram, internalize | project, empathize, palpate, record, listen | prescribe, validate, compose, document | prescribe, validate, compose |

3. **Those that convey attitudes:**

| acquire, modify | exemplify, plan, reflect | realize, revise | transfer, consider |

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*These words are better avoided:*

*Those that are often used but are open to many interpretations:*

| appreciate, have faith in, know, learn, understand, believe |