Writing Objectives: Key Verbs
Cognitive (Thinking) Domain

The following key verbs will help to write good objectives and also establish a relative "taxonomic level" for each Objective.

KNOWLEDGE	COMPREHENSION	APPLICATION	ANALYSIS	SYNTHESIS	EVALUATION
					Appraise
					Approve
					Assess
				Arrange	Choose
				Assemble	Conclude
				Build	Confirm
				Combine	Criticize
			Analyze	Compile	Critique
			Appraise	Compose	Diagnose
			Audit	Conceive	Evaluate
			Break down	Construct	Judge
		Adapt	Calculate	Create	Justify
		Apply	Categorize	Design	Prioritize
		Catalogue	Certify	Devise	Prove
	Arrange	Chart	Compare	Discover	Rank
	Associate	Compute	Contrast	Draft	Rate
	Clarify	Consolidate	Correlate	Formulate	Recommend
Cite	Classify	Demonstrate	Criticize	Generate	Research
Choose	Convert	Develop	Deduce	Integrate	Resolve
Define	Describe	Employ	Defend	Make	Revise
Label	Diagram	Extend	Detect	Manage	Rule on
List	Draw	Extrapolate	Diagram	Organize	Select
Locate	Discuss	Generalize	Differentiate	Plan	Support
Match	Estimate	Illustrate	Discriminate	Predict	Validate
Name	Explain	Infer	Distinguish	Prepare	
Recall	Express	Interpolate	Examine	Propose	
Recognize	Identify	Interpret	Infer	Reorder	
Record	Locate	Manipulate	Inspect	Reorganize	
Repeat	Outline	Modify	Investigate	Set up	
Select	Paraphrase	Order	Question	Structure	
State	Report	Predict	Reason	Synthesize	
Write	Restate	Prepare	Separate		
	Review	Produce	Solve		
	Sort	Relate	Survey		
	Summarize	Sketch	Test		
	Transfer	Submit	Uncover		
	Translate	Tabulate	Verify		
		Transcribe			
		Use			
		Utilize			

Level 1: Recall   Level 2: Interpretation   Level 3: Problem-solving

Note: Some verbs may be applicable within more than one category: for example. depending on the situation, "calculate" may fit under application or analysis.