

Interrelationships Between Bloom's Cognitive Levels

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Cognitive Domain (Bloom)

Level	Definition	Sample Verbs		
Knowledge	Recall and remember	defines, describes, identifies, knows,		
_	information.	labels, lists, matches, names,		
		outlines, recalls, recognizes,		
		reproduces, selects, states,		
		memorizes, tells, repeats, reproduces		
Comprehension	Understand the meaning,	comprehends, converts, defends,		
_	translation, interpolation, and	distinguishes, estimates, explains,		
	interpretation of instructions and	extends, generalizes, gives examples,		
	problems. State a problem in	infers, interprets, paraphrases,		
	one's own words. Establish	predicts, rewrites, summarizes,		
	relationships between dates,	translates, shows relationship of,		
	principles, generalizations or	characterizes, associates,		
	values	differentiates, classifies, compares		
		distinguishes		
Application	Use a concept in a new situation	applies, changes, computes,		
	or unprompted use of an	constructs, demonstrates, discovers,		
	abstraction. Applies what was	manipulates, modifies, operates,		
	learned in the classroom into	predicts, prepares, produces, relates,		
	novel situations in the workplace.	solves, uses, systematizes,		
	Facilitate transfer of knowledge	experiments, practices, exercises,		
	to new or unique situations.	utilizes, organizes		
Analysis	Separates material or concepts	analyzes, breaks down, compares,		
	into component parts so that its	contrasts, diagrams, deconstructs,		
	organizational structure may be	differentiates, discriminates,		
	understood. Distinguishes	distinguishes, identifies, illustrates,		
	between facts and inferences.	infers, outlines, relates, selects,		
		separates, investigates, discovers,		
		determines, observes, examines		
Synthesis	Builds a structure or pattern from	categorizes, combines, compiles,		
	diverse elements. Put parts	composes, creates, devises, designs,		
	together to form a whole, with	explains, generates, modifies,		
	emphasis on creating a new	organizes, plans, rearranges,		
	meaning or structure. Originality	reconstructs, relates, reorganizes,		
	and creativity.	revises, rewrites, summarizes, tells,		
		writes, synthesizes, imagines,		
		conceives, concludes, invents		
		theorizes, constructs, creates		
Evaluation	Make judgments about the value	appraises, compares, concludes,		
	of ideas or materials.	contrasts, criticizes, critiques,		
		defends, describes, discriminates,		
		evaluates, explains, interprets,		
		justifies, relates, summarizes,		
		supports, calculates, estimates,		
		consults, judges, criticizes, measures,		
		decides, discusses, values, decides,		
		accepts/rejects		

Affective Domain

(Bloom)

Level	Definition	Sample Verbs
Receiving phenomena	Awareness, willingness to hear, selected attention.	asks, chooses, describes, follows, gives, holds, identifies, locates, names, points to, selects, sits, erects, replies, uses.
Responding to phenomena	Active participation on the part of the learners. Attends and reacts to a particular phenomenon. Learning outcomes may emphasize compliance in responding, willingness to respond, or satisfaction in responding (motivation).	answers, assists, aids, complies, conforms, discusses, greets, helps, labels, performs, practices, presents, reads, recites, reports, selects, tells, writes.
Valuing	The worth or value a person attaches to a particular object, phenomenon, or behavior. This ranges from simple acceptance to the more complex state of commitment.	completes, demonstrates, differentiates, explains, follows, forms, initiates, invites, joins, justifies, proposes, reads, reports, selects, shares, studies, works.
Organization	Organizes values into priorities by contrasting different values, resolving conflicts between them, and creating a unique value system. The emphasis is on comparing, relating, and synthesizing values.	adheres, alters, arranges, combines, compares, completes, defends, explains, formulates, generalizes, identifies, integrates, modifies, orders, organizes, prepares, relates, synthesizes.
Internalizing values	Has a value system that controls their behavior. The behavior is pervasive, consistent, predictable, and most importantly, characteristic of the learner.	acts, discriminates, displays, influences, listens, modifies, performs, practices, proposes, qualifies, questions, revises, serves, solves, verifies.

Psychomotor Domain

Level	Definition	Sample Verbs
Imitation	Includes repeating an act that has been demonstrated or explained, and it includes trial and error until an appropriate response is achieved.	begin, assemble, attempt, carry out, copy, calibrate, construct, dissect, duplicate, follow, mimic, move, practice, proceed, repeat, reproduce, respond, organize, sketch, start
Manipulation	Includes repeating an act that has been demonstrated or explained, and it includes trial and error until an appropriate response is achieved.	(similar to imitation), acquire, assemble, complete, conduct, do, execute, improve, maintain, make, manipulate, operate, pace, perform, produce, progress, use
Precision	Response is complex and performed without hesitation.	achieve, accomplish, advance, exceed, excel, master, reach, refine, succeed, surpass, transcend
Articulation	Skills are so well developed that the individual can modify movement patterns to fit special requirements or to meet a problem situation.	adapt, alter, change, excel, rearrange, reorganize, revise, surpass
Naturalization	Response is automatic. One acts "without thinking."	arrange, combine, compose, construct, create, design, refine, originate, transcend

Cognitive Domain

Learning Outcomes Related to Knowledge

Knowledge	Comprehension	Application	Analysis	Synthesis	Evaluation
Student remembers or recognizes information or specifics as communicated with little personal assimilation.	Student grasps the meaning behind the information and interprets, translates, or comprehends the information.	Student uses information to relate and apply it to a new situation with minimal instructor input.	Student discriminates, organizes, and scrutinizes assumptions in an attempt to identify evidence for a conclusion.	Student creatively applies knowledge and analysis to integrate concepts or construct an overall theory.	Student judges or evaluates information based upon standards and criteria, values and opinions.
Cite Label List Enumerate Identify Imitate Match Name Quote Recall Reproduce State Write	Convert Define Describe Discuss Estimate Explain Generalize Identify Illustrate Locate Paraphrase Restate Summarize	Apply Chart Compute Demonstrate Determine Dramatize Establish Make Manipulate Prepare Project Solve Use	Analyze Compare Contrast Correlate Diagram Dissect Differentiate Distinguish Infer Investigate Limit Outline Separate	Assemble Create Construct Design Develop Formulate Generate Hypothesize Initiate Invent Modify Reframe Synthesize	Access Appraise Conclude Critique Decide Defend Diagnose Evaluate Judge Justify Rank Recommend Support

Basic Knowledge Level More Sophisticated Higher Level Thinking Critical Thinking

Affective Domain

Receiving	Responding	Valuing	Organizing	Characterizing
Students become aware of an attitude, behavior, or value.	Students exhibit a reaction or change as a result of exposure to an attitude, behavior, or value.	Students recognize value and display this through involvement or commitment.	Students determine a new value or behavior as important or a priority.	Students integrate consistent behavior as a naturalized value in spite of discomfort or cost. The value is recognized as a part of the person's character.
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Accept	Behave	Accept	Adapt	Authenticate
Attend Describe	Comply	Adapt Balance	Adjust Alter	Characterize Defend
Explain	Cooperate Discuss	Choose	Change	Display
Locate	Examine	Differentiate	Customize	Embody
Observe	Follow	Defend	Develop	Habituate
Realize	Model	Influence	Improve	Internalize
Receive	Present	Prefer	Manipulate	Produce
Recognize	Respond	Recognize	Modify	Represent
U	Show	Seek	Practice	Validate
	Studies	Value	Revise	Verify

Learning Outcomes Related to Attitudes, Behaviors, and Values

Elementary Values and Behaviors Inherited Value System Egocentric View More Highly Developed Attitudes Well Thought-out Value System Higher Level Abilities to Identify and Articulate Others' Values

Psychomotor Domain

Learning Outcomes Related to Skills

Observe	Model	Recognize Standards	Correct	Apply	Coach
Students translate sensory input into physical tasks or activities.	Students are able to replicate a fundamental skill or task.	Students recognize standards or criteria important to perform a skill or task correctly.	Students use standards to evaluate their own performances and make corrections.	Students apply this skill to real life situations.	Students are able to instruct or train others to perform this skill in other situations.
Hear Identify Observe See Smell Taste Touch Watch *Usually no outcomes or objectives written at this level.	Attempt Copy Follow Imitate Mimic Model Reenact Repeat Reproduce Show Try	Check Detect Discriminate Differentiate Distinguish Notice Perceive Recognize Select	Adapt Adjust Alter Change Correct Customize Develop Improve Manipulate Modify Practice Revise	Build Compose Construct Create Design Originate Produce	Demonstrate Exhibit Illustrate Instruct Teach Train

Basic Knowledge Basic Skills Level More Sophisticated Skills Higher Level Abilities Critical Understanding of Performance