

4.3 Thinking Verbs (aka Language Functions or Command Terms)

Category	I Inform	N Narrate	E Explain	A Argue
Definition	Communicate factual information about a concept or a phenomenon or a topic	Share experiences through stories and histories, real or imagined	Give account for how or why things work	Support one's claim using evidence and reasoning
Additional verbs for exit tickets	Classify Compare Contrast Define Describe Estimate Identify Label List Outline Paraphrase Report Synthesize	Recall Recount Retell Sequence Summarize	Analyze Apply Conclude Connect Deduce Examine Exemplify Infer Interpret Investigate Predict Present Reflect	Agree Appraise Comment Defend Demonstrate Disagree Discuss Evaluate Form an opinion Justify Make a claim Persuade Prove Recommend Suggest

Adapted from WIDA (2020); International Baccalaureate (2019).