

NESA Glossary of Key Words

Common Key Words in HSC Economics are highlighted below.
The full list is available on the NESA website.

Term	Definition
Account	Account for: state reasons for, report on. Give an account of: narrate a series of events or transactions
Analyse	Identify components and the relationship between them; draw out and relate implications
Apply	Use, utilise, employ in a particular situation
Assess	Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size
Calculate	Ascertain/determine from given facts, figures or information
Compare	Show how things are similar or different
Contrast	Show how things are different or opposite
Critically (analyse/evaluate)	Add a degree or level of accuracy depth, knowledge and understanding, logic, questioning, reflection and quality to (analyse/evaluate)
Define	State meaning and identify essential qualities
Describe	Provide characteristics and features
Discuss	Identify issues and provide points for and/or against
Distinguish	Recognise or note/indicate as being distinct or different from; to note differences between
Evaluate	Make a judgement based on criteria; determine the value of
Examine	Inquire into
Explain	Relate cause and effect; make the relationships between things evident; provide why and/or how
How	<i>In what way or manner; by what means</i>
Identify	Recognise and name
Interpret	Draw meaning from
Investigate	Plan, inquire into and draw conclusions about
Justify	Support an argument or conclusion
Outline	Sketch in general terms; indicate the main features of
Propose	Put forward (for example a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action
To what extent	<i>How much, to what degree or how many</i>
What	<i>Asking for information specifying something (mark allocation will determine the extent of information required)</i>
Why	<i>For what reason or purpose</i>