Direction Words: Definitions
Prove or give reasons.
Prove or give reasons.

Justify
Discuss advantages and disadvantages with your opinion.
Discuss advantages and disadvantages with your opinion.

Evaluate
Give meaning, but no detail.
Give meaning, but no detail.

Define
State particulars in detail.
State particulars in detail.

Describe
Emphasize similarities, but also present differences.
Emphasize similarities, but also present differences.

» Compare
Give concrete illustrations from your book, notes, or experience.
Give concrete illustrations from your book, notes, or experience.

Give an Example
Give reasons pro and con with details.
Give reasons pro and con with details.

Discuss
Show how things interconnect.
Show how things interconnect.

Relate
Back up a statement with facts and proof.
Back up a statement with facts and proof.

Support
Give your judgment of good points; then give the limitations with evidence.
Give your judgment of good points; then give the limitations with evidence.

Criticize
Give main points from beginning to end.
Give main points from beginning to end.

Trace
Organize and bring together main points only.
Organize and bring together main points only.

Summarize
Give differences only.
Give differences only.

Contrast
Describe the steps that lead to an event or situation.
Describe the steps that lead to an event or situation.

Cause and Effect
Give an example.
Give an example.

Illustrate
Now that you are more familiar with the exact meaning of the direction words, let’s work with them.

**Your Topic is Memory Principles.**

*Write some possible questions using the direction words.*

*Define* each of the memory principles.

*Discuss* how the memory principles are used in the label in the margin system.

*Give an Example* of using visualization.

*Evaluate* your use of the memory principles.

*Compare* association with basic background.

Practice writing questions using direction words for a topic you think will be on a test helps you be better prepared.

*Practice on the topic given at the top of the next slide.*
Your topic is **the college you have chosen to attend**. Choose four of the direction words below and write a test question for each about that topic.

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Reflection Exercise

In your notes explain why practice writing questions makes you better at answering them.