List of Verbs for Formulating Educational Objectives

The following verbs have been found to be effective in formulating educational objectives:

1. Those that communicate knowledge:

   **Information:**
   - cite
   - indicate
   - recite
   - state
   - write
   - identify
   - read
   - select
   - update
   - quote
   - repeat
   - trace
   - draw
   - relate
   - tell
   - describe
   - point
   - tabulate
   - define
   - name
   - record
   - count
   - list
   - recognize

   **Comprehension:**
   - assess
   - demonstrate
   - estimate
   - express
   - contrast
   - estimate
   - interpret
   - review
   - compute
   - interpolate
   - restate
   - classify
   - associate
   - distinguish
   - interpret
   - review
   - translate
   - discuss
   - restate
   - compare
   - differentiate

   **Application:**
   - apply
   - examine
   - order
   - review
   - use
   - employ
   - operate
   - restate
   - treat
   - develop
   - match
   - report
   - translate
   - demonstrate
   - locate
   - relate
   - solve
   - complete
   - interpret
   - prescribe
   - sketch
   - choose
   - extrapolate
   - associate
   - describe
   - differentiate
   - calculate
   - illustrate
   - practice
   - schedule
   - utilize

   **Analysis:**
   - analyze
   - debate
   - distinguish
   - measure
   - criticize
   - differentiate
   - inventory
   - inspect
   - separate
   - contrast
   - question
   - contract
   - detect
   - appraise
   - deduce
   - experiment

   **Synthesis:**
   - arrange
   - create
   - integrate
   - prescribe
   - construct
   - generalize
   - prepare
   - validate
   - formulate
   - plan
   - specify
   - compose
   - organize
   - propose
   - combine
   - document
   - produce
   - collect
   - detect
   - assemble
   - design
   - manage

   **Evaluation:**
   - appraise
   - decide
   - judge
   - revise
   - critique
   - grade
   - recommend
   - evaluate
   - rate
   - test
   - rank
   - select
   - compare
   - score
   - choose
   - estimate
   - assess
   - determine
   - measure

2. Those that impart skills:

   - demonstrate
   - integrate
   - project
   - hold
   - measure
   - empathize
   - massage
   - write
   - palpate
   - pass
   - diagram
   - record
   - visualize
   - internalize
   - diagnose
   - operate

3. Those that convey attitudes:

   - acquire
   - modify
   - exemplify
   - realize
   - plan
   - reflect
   - transfer
   - consider

These words are better avoided:

Those that are often used but are open to many interpretations:
- appreciate
- have faith in
- know
- learn
- understand
- believe