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Understanding command words in GCSE Science

give, state or name	Write a short answer.
what, when, where, which or who	Write a short answer to a direct question.
describe	Recall facts, events or a process. This is stating what happens.
explain	State the reason why or how something happens. Using “because” can help you write an explanation.
evaluate	Look at information in the question and make a judgement, decision or conclusion about it.
compare and contrast	Identify similarities and differences between things. Describe both of the things you’re comparing, not just one.
calculate	Use information in the question to work out the answer. Remember to include units!

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