

# Command words



What is the question asking you to do?

## **Calculate / Find**

Work out a value, and show the working that gets you there.

## **Show that**

The answer is given. Write every step so the reader can follow you to it.

## **Hence**

Use the result you have just found to answer this part.

## **Sketch**

Draw the shape with its key features labelled. It need not be to scale.

## **Explain / Justify**

Give a reason in words, linked to the maths.

## **Write down / State**

Little or no working needed: the answer should be quick to see.

General meanings in our own words. Your exam board publishes its own list of command words: check its exact definitions.