

Universal Design for Learning

Flexible and Inflexible Verbs for Crafting Goals

Flexible verbs describe what learners will understand or do, and leave room for more than one way to show it.
Inflexible verbs tie the goal to one way of working toward it.

FLEXIBLE

Analyze
Answer
Apply
Apportion
Choose
Cite
Clarify
Communicate
Compose
Construct
Convey
Correct
Create
Calculate
Combine
Compare
Compute
Defend
Define
Describe
Devise
Display
Distinguish
Decipher
Decrease
Deduce
Demonstrate

FLEXIBLE

Determine
Equate
Exhibit
Explain
Express
Formulate
Judge
Identify
Indicate
Interpret
Illustrate
Predict
Prove
Pick
Present
Produce
Recognize
Reveal
Revise
Select
Share
Show
Specify
Solve
Tally

INFLEXIBLE

Add
Articulate
Copy
Diagram
Divide
Draw
Decode
Graph
Mark
Multiply
Name
Orate
Outline
Point
Pronounce
Recite
Read
Replicate
Say
Speak
State
Subtract
Take
Talk
Transcribe
Write