

Task Verbs Used in Free-Response Questions

The following task verbs are commonly used in the free-response questions.

Identify. What? Which? Will? and other interrogatory words: Identify or provide information about a specified topic, without elaboration or explanation.

Explain: Provide information about how or why a relationship, pattern, position, situation, or outcome occurs, using evidence and/or reasoning. Graphs and symbols are acceptable as part of the explanation.

Calculate: Perform mathematical steps to arrive at a final answer. Showing work is required.

Draw a correctly labeled: Create a graph or visual representation that illustrates or explains relationships or phenomena. Labels are required.

Show/Label/Plot/Indicate: Show, label, plot, or indicate an economic scenario on a graph or visual representation created by the student. Clearly labeling all axes and curves and showing directional changes where relevant is required.