

## Exam command words

Algebraic Method	A convincing algebraic method must be seen NOT Trial and Improvement.
Simplify	Collect like terms in an algebraic expression OR cancelling a fraction or ratio.
Use the graph	Do not calculate. Read the answer from the graph.
Factorise	Take out a common factor or factorise into two brackets if it is a quadratic.
Select	Pick the answer from options given in the question.
Workout	Some evidence of working out expected.
Descending	From largest to smallest.
Ascending	From smallest to largest.
Give the units	Make sure you write down the correct units for length, area or volume.
Calculate	You will need to do a 'sum' with or without a calculator.
Measure	Use a ruler or protractor and be as accurate as you can.
Explain	Use sentences and check they make sense.
Hence	Use the answer you have already been asked to find.
Factorise fully	Factorising with more than one factor.
Solve	Find the value(s) of 'x' that make the equation true.
Expand	Multiply everything inside the bracket by what is in front of it.
Not to scale	Measuring with a ruler or protractor will not get you any marks.
Equivalent	The same as.
Write	No working out required.
Plot	Use a pencil and a ruler and draw in the correct positions/height.
Construct	Use a pencil, ruler and/or compasses.
Estimate	Do not work out an exact answer. Round the numbers to 1 significant figure before doing the calculation.
Show	Use words, numbers or algebra to show something.
Describe fully	Used in transformations questions.
Compare	Usually in data handling questions. Write a sentence quoting a measure of average and a measure of spread for two or more sets of data.