

## Definitions of Verbs in the Tested Student Expectations New Reading TEKS/SEs – Grades 3-11

Verb	Dictionary Definition(s) of Verb in Student Expectation
alphabetize	to put or arrange in alphabetical order.
analyze	to examine methodically by separating into parts and studying their interrelations make a grammatical analysis of; break down into components or essential features to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results
apply	to make use of as relevant, suitable, or pertinent
ask	to put a question to; to make inquiry
assess	to estimate or judge the value, character, etc., of; evaluate
clarify	to make (an idea, statement, etc.) clear or intelligible; to free from ambiguity. to free (the mind, intelligence, etc.) from confusion; revive:
compare	to examine (two or more objects, ideas, etc.) in order to note similarities and differences to consider or describe as similar, equal, or analogous; liken
compare	to examine two or more ideas in order to note similarities and differences
complete	to make whole or entire; to bring to an end; finish
conclude	to determine by reasoning; deduce;
confirm	to support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify
connect	to associate or consider as related
consider	to think carefully about, esp. in order to make a decision; to bear in mind;
contrast	to compare in order to show unlikeness or differences; note the opposite natures, purposes, etc., of
create	to evolve from one's own thought or imagination
critique	to review or analyze critically
défend	to support or maintain, as by argument, evidence or action; justify; uphold
demonstrate	prove, establish the validity of something to describe, explain, or illustrate by examples, experiments, or the like
describe	to give an account of in words; to tell in words what something or someone is like
determine	to conclude or ascertain, as after reasoning, observation, etc.
differentiate	to perceive the difference in or between.
discuss	to consider or examine by argument, comment, etc.; talk over or write about, esp. to explore solutions; debate
distinguish	to divide into classes; classify; to recognize as distinct or different; recognize salient or individual features or characteristics of
draw	to frame or formulate: <i>to draw a distinction</i> to derive or use, as from a source: <i>to draw inspiration from Shakespeare</i> to extract or take for one's own use
establish	to show to be valid or true; prove; to cause to be accepted or recognized
evaluate	form a critical opinion of ; to judge or determine the significance, worth, or quality of; assess
explain	to make plain or clear; render understandable or intelligible to make known in detail
follow	to conform to, comply with, or act in accordance with; obey
form	to frame (ideas, opinions, etc.) in the mind.
gain	to get (something desired), especially as a result of one's efforts
identify	to recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of
infer	to derive by reasoning; conclude or judge from premises or evidence.
interpret	to give or provide the meaning of; explain; explicate; elucidate to conceive the significance of; construe
know	to perceive or understand as fact or truth; to apprehend clearly and with certainty
locate	to identify or discover the place or location of to find by searching, examining, or experimenting

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maintain	to keep in existence or continuance; preserve; retain to keep in an appropriate condition, operation, or force; keep unimpaired
make	to produce; cause to exist or happen; bring about to draw a conclusion as to the significance or nature of to judge or interpret, as to the truth, nature, meaning, etc.
paraphrase	to restate a text or passage in another form or other words, often to clarify meaning.
perform	to execute or do something
predict	to declare or tell in advance
produce	to create by physical or mental effort
provide	to make available; furnish:
read	interpret something that is written or printed to look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.)
recognize	to identify as something previously seen, known, etc. to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics
relate	to bring into or establish association, connection, or relation to have reference or some relation (often fol. by <i>to</i> ).
respond	to reply or answer in words; to say in answer; reply
restate	to state again or in a new way.
retell	to relate or tell again or in a different form.
seek	to try to find or discover by searching or questioning
sequence	to place in a sequence
show	to indicate; point out
solve	to work out the answer to (a problem)
sort	to arrange according to sort, kind, or class; separate into sorts; classify
summarize	to make a summary of; state or express in a concise form.
support	to maintain or advocate (a theory, principle, etc.); to furnish corroborating evidence for
synthesize	to form (a material or abstract entity) by combining parts or elements
translate	(graphic to text; text to graphic) to change the form, condition, nature, etc., of; transform; to convert from one form to another
understand	to perceive the meaning of; grasp the idea of; comprehend to have understanding, knowledge, or comprehension.
use	to employ for some purpose; put into service; make use of
verify	to ascertain the truth or correctness of, as by examination, research, or comparison

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## Definitions of Verbs in the Tested Student Expectations Mathematics – Grades 3-11

Verb	Dictionary Definition(s) of Verbs in Student Expectation
act	to perform in or as if in a play; represent dramatically: <i>act out a story</i>
add	to find the sum of
analyze	to examine methodically by separating into parts and studying their interrelations make a mathematical, chemical, or grammatical analysis of; break down into components or essential features to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results, etc.
answer	to speak or write in response to; reply to
apply	to make use of as relevant, suitable, or pertinent: <i>to apply a theory to a problem.</i> to use for or assign to a specific purpose
approximate	to come near to; approach closely to: <i>to approximate an ideal.</i> to estimate
carry	to put into operation; execute to effect or accomplish; complete
check	to make an inquiry, investigation, etc., as for verification
choose	to select from a number of possibilities; pick by preference
classify	to arrange or organize according to class or category
collect	to bring together in a group or mass; gather
communicate	to impart knowledge of; make known
compare	to examine (two or more objects, ideas, etc.) in order to note similarities and differences to consider or describe as similar, equal, or analogous; liken
connect	make a logical or causal connection to join, link, or fasten together; unite or bind
construct	draw with suitable instruments and under specified conditions: "construct an equilateral triangle"
contrast	to compare in order to show unlikeness or differences; note opposite natures, purposes, etc., of
convert	to obtain an equivalent value for in an exchange or calculation, as money or units of measurement: <i>to convert bank notes into gold; to convert yards into meters.</i>
create	to cause to come into being, as something unique that would not naturally evolve or that is not made by ordinary processes
define	to state the precise meaning of (a word or sense of a word, for example) to describe the nature or basic qualities of; explain
demonstrate	prove, establish the validity of something to describe, explain, or illustrate by examples, experiments, or the like
derive	to arrive at by reasoning; deduce or infer
describe	to give an account of in words; to tell in words what something or someone is like
determine	to conclude or ascertain, as after reasoning, observation; etc.
develop	to elaborate or expand in detail
display	show or bring to the attention of another or others to spread something out so that it may be most completely and favorably seen
disprove	to prove (an assertion, claim, etc.) to be false or wrong; refute; invalidate
divide	to separate into equal parts by the process of mathematical division; apply the mathematical process of division to: <i>Eight divided by four is two.</i>
draw	to sketch (someone or something) in lines or words; delineate; depict to frame or formulate: <i>to draw a distinction</i>
estimate	to calculate approximately (the amount, extent, magnitude, position, or value of something)

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evaluate	to ascertain or fix the value or worth of to examine and judge carefully; appraise to calculate the numerical value of; express numerically
explore	to look into closely; scrutinize; examine
express	to represent by a sign or a symbol; symbolize
extend	to expand the influence of to make more comprehensive or inclusive
factor	to express (a mathematical quantity) as a product of two or more quantities of like kind, as $30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ , or $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$
find	to locate, attain, or obtain by search or effort to discover or ascertain through observation, experience, or study
formulate	to state as or reduce to a formula to express in systematic terms or concepts
gather	to collect or accumulate
generate	to bring into existence; cause to be; produce; to act as base for all the elements of a given set: <i>The number 2 generates the set 2, 4, 8, 16.</i>
graph	to draw (a curve) as representing a given function to represent by means of a graph
guess	to arrive at or commit oneself to an opinion about (something) without having sufficient evidence to support the opinion fully to estimate or conjecture correctly
identify	to recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of
interpret	to give or provide the meaning of; explain; explicate; elucidate to conceive the significance of; construe
investigate	to observe or inquire into in detail; examine systematically
justify	to recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of
know	to perceive or understand as fact or truth; to apprehend clearly and with certainty
learn	to acquire knowledge of or skill in by study, instruction, or experience
list	a series of names or other items written or printed together in a meaningful grouping or sequence so as to constitute a record
locate	to determine or specify the position or limits of to find by searching, examining, or experimenting
look	to seek; search for
make	to produce; cause to exist or happen; bring about to draw a conclusion as to the significance or nature of to judge or interpret, as to the truth, nature, meaning, etc.
measure	to ascertain the extent, dimensions, quantity, capacity, etc., of, especially by comparison with a standard to mark, lay out, or establish dimensions for by measuring
model	to plan, construct, or fashion according to a model to make conform to a chosen standard
multiply	to find the product of by multiplication
name	to identify, specify, or mention by name
order	to arrange (the elements of a set) so that if one element precedes another, it cannot be preceded by the other or by elements that the other precedes
organize	to arrange in a coherent form; systematize to arrange in a desired pattern or structure
perform	to carry out; execute; do to go through or execute in the proper, customary, or established manner
predict	to state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of special knowledge
present	to bring, offer, or give

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proceed	to move or go forward or onward; to carry on or continue any action or process; to go on to do something
prove	to perceive or understand as fact or truth; to apprehend clearly and with certainty; to be found by trial or experience to be
read	interpret something that is written or printed to look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, etc.)
recall	to bring back from memory; recollect; remember
recognize	to identify as something previously seen, known, etc. to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics
record	to set down in writing or the like, as for the purpose of preserving evidence
relate	to tell; give an account of, or describe in some detail
represent	to express or designate by some term, character, symbol, or the like
round	to reduce successively the number of digits to the right of the decimal point of a mixed number by dropping the final digit and adding 1 to the next preceding digit if the dropped digit was 5 or greater, or leaving the preceding digit unchanged if the dropped digit was 4 or less
select	to choose in preference to another or others; pick out
simplify	to make less complex or complicated; make plainer or easier
sketch	to make a sketch of
solve	to work out the answer or solution to (a mathematical problem)
subtract	to take (one number or quantity) from another
tell	to reckon, calculate, consider, count
test	to subject to a test of any kind; try; to conduct a test
transform	to change the form of (a figure, expression, etc.) without in general changing the value
translate	to perform a translation on (a set, function, etc.)
understand	to perceive the meaning of; grasp the idea of; comprehend to have understanding, knowledge, or comprehension.
use	to employ for some purpose; put into service; make use of
validate	to make valid; substantiate; confirm
verify	to ascertain the truth or correctness of, as by examination, research, or comparison
work	to bring about (any result) by or as by work or effort
write	to express or communicate in writing; give a written account of to execute or produce by setting down words, figures, etc.

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Verb	Dictionary Definition(s) of Verbs in Student Expectation
analyze	to examine methodically by separating into parts and studying their interrelations make a mathematical, chemical, or grammatical analysis of; break down into components or essential features to examine carefully and in detail so as to identify causes, key factors, possible results, etc.
apply	to make use of as relevant, suitable, or pertinent: <i>to apply a theory to a problem.</i> to use for or assign to a specific purpose
ask	to put a question to; to seek an answer to
balance	to have an equality or equivalence in weight, parts, etc.; be in equilibrium
build	to construct (esp. something complex) by assembling and joining parts or materials
calculate	to determine or ascertain by mathematical methods; compute to determine by reasoning, common sense, or practical experience; estimate; evaluate; gauge
categorize	to arrange in categories or classes; classify to describe by labeling or giving a name to; characterize
classify	to arrange or organize according to class or category
collect	to bring together in a group or mass; gather
combine	to unite; coalesce
communicate	to impart knowledge of; make known
compare	to examine (two or more objects, ideas, etc.) in order to note similarities and differences to consider or describe as similar, equal, or analogous; liken
conduct	to direct in action or course; <i>to conduct a test.</i>
construct	draw with suitable instruments and under specified conditions: <i>construct an equilateral triangle</i>
contrast	to compare in order to show unlikeness or differences; note the opposite natures, purposes, etc., of
critique	to review or analyze critically.
debate	to argue or discuss (a question, issue, or the like) to deliberate upon; consider
define	to state or set forth the meaning of (a word, phrase, etc.); to explain or identify the nature or essential qualities of
demonstrate	prove, establish the validity of something to describe, explain, or illustrate by examples, experiments, or the like
describe	to give an account of in words; to tell in words what something or someone is like
design	to prepare the preliminary plans for (a work to be executed), esp. to plan the form and structure of to form or conceive in the mind; contrive; plan
develop	to elaborate or expand in detail
diagram	to represent by a diagram; make a diagram of.
differentiate	to constitute the distinction between
distinguish	to divide into classes; classify to recognize as distinct or different; recognize the salient or individual features or characteristics of
draw	to sketch (someone or something) in lines or words; delineate; depict to frame or formulate: <i>to draw a distinction</i>
evaluate	to ascertain or fix the value or worth of to examine and judge carefully; appraise to calculate the numerical value of; express numerically
examine	to inspect or scrutinize carefully
explain	to make plain or clear; render understandable or intelligible to make known in detail

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explore	to look into closely; scrutinize; examine
express	to represent by a symbol, character, figure, or formula: <i>to express water as H<sub>2</sub>O</i>
formulate	to state as or reduce to a formula to express in systematic terms or concepts
gather	to take by selection from among other things; sort out; cull
generate	to bring into existence; cause to be; produce
give	to impart or communicate
graph	to draw (a curve) as representing a given function to represent by means of a graph
identify	to recognize or establish as being a particular person or thing; verify the identity of
illustrate	to make clear or intelligible, as by examples or analogies; exemplify
implement	to put into practical effect; carry out
infer	to derive by reasoning; conclude or judge from premises or evidence
interpret	to give or provide the meaning of; explain; explicate; elucidate to conceive the significance of; construe
investigate	to observe or inquire into in detail; examine systematically
know	to perceive or understand as fact or truth; to have established or fixed in the mind or memory; to understand from experience or attainment
make	to produce; cause to exist or happen; bring about to draw a conclusion as to the significance or nature of to judge or interpret, as to the truth, nature, meaning, etc.
manipulate	to adapt or change (accounts, figures, etc.) to suit one's purpose or advantage
measure	to ascertain the extent, dimensions, quantity, capacity, etc., of, especially by comparison with a standard to mark, lay out, or establish dimensions for by measuring
model	to plan, construct, or fashion according to a model to make conform to a chosen standard
name	to identify, specify, or mention by name
observe	to regard with attention, esp. so as to see or learn something
organize	to arrange in a coherent form; systematize to arrange in a desired pattern or structure
perform	to carry out; execute; do to go through or execute in the proper, customary, or established manner
plan	to formulate a scheme or program for the accomplishment, enactment, or attainment of
predict	to state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of special knowledge
quantify	to determine, indicate, or express the quantity of
recognize	to identify as something previously seen, known, etc. to identify from knowledge of appearance or characteristics
record	to set down in writing or the like, as for the purpose of preserving evidence
relate	to tell; give an account of, or describe in some detail
represent	to express or designate by some term, character, symbol, or the like
research	to make an extensive investigation into
select	to choose in preference to another or others; pick out
sort	to arrange according to sort, kind, or class; separate into sorts; classify
summarize	to make a summary of; state or express in a concise form
test	to administer or conduct a test
trace	to follow the footprints, track, or traces of
understand	to perceive the meaning of; grasp the idea of; comprehend to have understanding, knowledge, or comprehension
use	to employ for some purpose; put into service; make use of
verify	to ascertain the truth or correctness of, as by examination, research, or comparison

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write	to express or communicate in writing; give a written account of to execute or produce by setting down words, figures, etc.

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