**A Glossary of BOS Key Words**

**Account -** Account for: state reasons for, report on. Give an account of: narrate a series of events or transactions

**Analyse -** Identify components and the relationship between them; draw out and relate implications

**Apply -** Use, utilise, employ in a particular situation

**Appreciate -** Make a judgement about the value of

**Assess -** Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size

**Calculate -** Ascertain/determine from given facts, figures or information

**Clarify -** Make clear or plain

**Classify -** Arrange or include in classes/categories

**Compare -** Show how things are similar or different

**Construct -** Make; build; put together items or arguments

**Contrast -** Show how things are different or opposite

**Critically (analyse/evaluate) -** Add a degree or level of accuracy depth, knowledge and understanding, logic, questioning, reflection and quality to (analyse/evaluate)

**Deduce -** Draw conclusions

**Define -** State meaning and identify essential qualities

**Demonstrate -** Show by example

**Describe -** Provide characteristics and features

**Discuss -** Identify issues and provide points for and/or against

**Distinguish -** Recognise or note/indicate as being distinct or different from; to note differences between

**Evaluate -** Make a judgement based on criteria; determine the value of

**Examine -** Inquire into

**Explain -** Relate cause and effect; make the relationships between things evident; provide why and/or how

**Extract -** Choose relevant and/or appropriate details

**Extrapolate -** Infer from what is known

**Identify -** Recognise and name

**Interpret -** Draw meaning from

**Investigate -** Plan, inquire into and draw conclusions about

**Justify -** Support an argument or conclusion

**Outline -** Sketch in general terms; indicate the main features of

**Predict -** Suggest what may happen based on available information

**Propose -** Put forward (for example a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action

**Recall -** Present remembered ideas, facts or experiences

**Recommend -** Provide reasons in favour

**Recount -** Retell a series of events

**Summarise -** Express, concisely, the relevant details

**Synthesise -** Putting together various elements to make a whole

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