Cognitive Domain

The cognitive domain involves knowledge and the development of intellectual skills. There are six major categories of cognitive an processes, starting from the simplest to the most complex

Remembering: Recall or retrieve previous learned information.	Examples : Recite a policy. Quote prices from memory to a customer. Recite the safety rules.		
	Key Words : defines, describes, identifies, knows, labels, lists, matches, names, outlines, recalls, recognizes, reproduces, selects, states		
Understanding: Comprehending the meaning, translation, interpolation, and interpretation of instructions and problems. State a	Examples : Rewrite the principles of test writing. Explain in one's own words the steps for performing a complex task. Translate an equation into a computer spreadsheet.		
problem in one's own words.	Key Words : comprehends, converts, defends, distinguishes, estimates, explains, extends, generalizes, gives an example, infers, interprets, paraphrases, predicts, rewrites, summarizes, translates		
Applying : Use a concept in a new situation or unprompted use of an abstraction. Applies what was	Examples : Use a manual to calculate an employee's vacation time. Apply laws of statistics to evaluate the reliability of a written test.		
learned in the classroom into novel situations in the work place.	Key Words : applies, changes, computes, constructs, demonstrates, discovers, manipulates, modifies, operates, predicts, prepares, produces, relates, shows, solves, uses		
Analyzing: Separates material or concepts into component parts so that its organizational structure may be understood. Distinguishes between facts and inferences.	Examples : Troubleshoot a piece of equipment by using logical deduction. Recognize logical fallacies in reasoning. Gathers information from a department and selects the required tasks for training.		
	Key Words : analyzes, breaks down, compares, contrasts, diagrams, deconstructs, differentiates, discriminates, distinguishes, identifies, illustrates, infers, outlines, relates, selects, separates		
Evaluating : Make judgments about the value of ideas or materials.	Examples : Select the most effective solution. Hire the most qualified candidate. Explain and justify a new budget.		
	Key Words : appraises, compares, concludes, contrasts, criticizes, critiques, defends, describes, discriminates, evaluates, explains, interprets, justifies, relates, summarizes, supports		
Creating: Builds a structure or pattern from diverse elements. Put parts together to form a whole, with emphasis on creating	Examples : Write a company operations or process manual. Design a machine to perform a specific task. Integrates training from several sources to solve a problem. Revises & process to improve outcome.		
a new meaning or structure	Key Words : categorizes, combines, compiles, composes, creates, devises, designs, explains, generates, modifies, organizes, plans, rearranges, reconstructs, relates, reorganizes, revises, rewrites, summarizes, tells, writes		

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Affective Domain

This domain includes the manner in which we deal with things emotionally, such as feelings, values, appreciation, enthusiasms, motivations, and attitudes. The five major categories listed the simplest behavior to the most complex:

Category	Example and Key Words				
Receiving Phenomena: Awareness, willingness to hear, selected attention.	Examples : Listen to others with respect. Listen for and remember the name of newly introduced people.				
	Key Words : asks, chooses, describes, follows, gives, holds, identifies, locates, names, points to, selects, sits, erects, replies, uses.				
Responding to Phenomena: Active participation on the part of the learners. Attends and reacts to a particular phenomenon. Learning outcomes may emphasize compliance in responding, willingness to respond, or satisfaction in	Examples: Participates in class discussions. Gives a presentation. Questions new ideals, concepts, models, etc. in order to fully understand them. Know the safety rules and practices them. Key Words: answers, assists, aids, complies, conforms, discusses, greets, helps, labels, performs, practices, presents, reads, recites,				
responding (motivation). Valuing: The worth or value a person attaches to a particular object, phenomenon, or behavior. This ranges from simple acceptance to the more complex state of commitment. Valuing is based on the internalization of a set of specified values, while clues to these values are expressed in the learnerís overt behavior and are often identifiable.	reports, selects, tells, writes. Examples: Demonstrates belief in the democratic process. Is sensitive towards individual and cultural differences (value diversity). Shows the ability to solve problems. Proposes a plan to social improvement and follows through with commitment. Informs management on matters that one feels strongly about. Key Words: completes, demonstrates, differentiates, explains, follows, forms, initiates, invites, joins, justifies, proposes, reads, reports, selects,				
Organization: Organizes values into priorities by contrasting different values, resolving conflicts between them, and creating an unique value system. The emphasis is on comparing, relating, and synthesizing values.	shares, studies, works. Examples : Recognizes the need for balance between freedom and responsible behavior. Accepts responsibility for oneis behavior. Explains the role of systematic planning in solving problems. Accepts professional ethical standards. Creates a life plan in harmony with abilities, interests, and beliefs. Prioritizes time effectively to meet the needs of the organization, family, and self.				
	Key Words : adheres, alters, arranges, combines, compares, completes, defends, explains, formulates, generalizes, identifies, integrates, modifies, orders, organizes, prepares, relates, synthesizes.				
Internalizing values (characterization): Has a value system that controls their behavior. The behavior is pervasive, consistent, predictable, and most importantly, characteristic of the learner. Instructional objectives are concerned with the student's general patterns of adjustment (personal, social, emotional).	 Examples: Shows self-reliance when working independently. Cooperates in group activities (displays teamwork). Uses an objective approach in problem solving. Displays a professional commitment to ethical practice on a daily basis. Revises judgments and changes behavior in light of new evidence. Values people for what they are, not how they look. Key Words: acts, discriminates, displays, influences, listens, modifies, performs, practices, proposes, qualifies, questions, revises, serves, solves, verifies. 				

Psychomotor Domain

The psychomotor domain includes physical movement, coordination, and use of the motor-skill areas. The seven major categories are listed from the simplest behavior to the most complex:

Perception (awareness): The ability to use sensory cues to guide motor activity. This ranges from sensory stimulation, through cue selection, to translation.	Examples : Detects non-verbal communication cues. Estimate where a ball will land after it is thrown and then moving to the correct location to catch the ball. Adjusts heat of stove to correct temperature by smell and taste of food. Adjusts the height of the forks on a forklift by comparing where the forks are in relation to the pallet.				
	Key Words : chooses, describes, detects, differentiates, distinguishes, identifies, isolates, relates, selects.				
Set: Readiness to act. It includes mental, physical, and emotional sets. These three sets are dispositions that predetermine a person's response to different situations (sometimes called mindsets).	Examples : Knows and acts upon a sequence of steps in a manufacturing process. Recognize one's abilities & limitations. Shows desire to learn a new process (motivation). NOTE: This subdivision of Psychomotor is closely related to the "Responding to phenomena" subdivision of the Affective domain.				
	Key Words : begins, displays, explains, moves, proceeds, reacts, shows, states, volunteers.				
Guided Response: The early stages in learning a complex skill that includes imitation and trial and error. Adequacy of performance is achieved by	Examples : Performs a mathematical equation as demonstrated. Follows instructions to build a model. Responds hand-signals of instructor while learning to operate a forklift.				
practicing.	Key Words: copies, traces, follows, react, reproduce, responds				
Mechanism (basic proficiency): This is the intermediate stage in learning a complex skill. Learned responses have become habitual and the movements can be performed with some confidence and proficiency.	Examples: Use a personal computer. Repair a leaking faucet. Drive a car. Key Words: assembles, calibrates, constructs, dismantles, displays, fastens, fixes, grinds, heats, manipulates, measures, mends, mixes, organizes, sketches.				
Complex Overt Response (Expert): The skillful performance of motor acts that involve complex movement patterns. Proficiency is indicated by a	Examples: Maneuvers a car into a tight parallel parking spot. Operates a computer quickly and accurately. Displays competence while playing the piano.				
quick, accurate, and highly coordinated performance, requiring a minimum of energy. This category includes performing without hesitation, and	Key Words : assembles, builds, calibrates, constructs, dismantles, displays, fastens, fixes, grinds, heats, manipulates, measures, mends, mixes, organizes, sketches.				
automatic performance.	NOTE: The Key Words are the same as Mechanism, but will have adverbs or adjectives that indicate that the performance is quicker, better, more accurate, etc.				
Adaptation: Skills are well developed and the individual can modify movement patterns to fit special requirements.	Examples : Responds effectively to unexpected experiences. Modifies instruction to meet the needs of the learners. Perform a task with a machine that it was not originally intended to do (machine is not damaged and there is no danger in performing the new task).				
	Key Words : adapts, alters, changes, rearranges, reorganizes, revises, varies.				
Origination: Creating new movement patterns to fit a particular situation or specific problem. Learning outcomes emphasize creativity based upon highly developed skills	Examples : Constructs a new theory. Develops a new and comprehensive training programming. Creates a new gymnastic routine.				
developed skills.	Key Words : arranges, builds, combines, composes, constructs, creates, designs, initiate, makes, originates.				