## Action Words

Accepts
Accounts
Accumulates
Achieves
Acknowledges
Acquires
Activates
Acts
Adapts
Adjusts

Administers
Adopts
Advises

Advocates
Affirms
Aligns
Allots
Alters
Amends
Analyzes
Answers
Anticipates
Applies

Appoints
Appraises
Approves

Arranges
Ascertains

Assembles

Assesses
Assigns
to receive as true; to regard as proper, normal, and inevitable. to give a report on; to furnish a justifying analysis or explanation. to collect; to gather.
to bring to a successful conclusion.
to report the receipt of.
to come in possession of.
to mobilize; to set into motion.
to perform a specified function.
to suit or fit by modification.
to bring to a more satisfactory state; to bring the parts of something to a true or more effective position.
to manage or direct the execution of affairs.
to take up and practice as one's own.
to recommend a course of action; to offer an informed opinion based on specialized knowledge.
to recommend or speak in favor of.
to assert positively; to confirm.
to arrange in a line; to array.
to assign as a share.
to make different without changing into something else.
to change or modify for the better.
to separate into elements and critically examine.
to speak or write in reply.
to foresee and deal with in advance.
to put to use for a purpose; to employ diligently or with close attention.
to name officially.
to give an expert judgment of worth or merit.
to accept as satisfactory; to exercise final authority with regard to commitment of resources.
to prepare for an event; to put in proper order.
to find out or discover through examination; to find out or learn for a certainty.
to collect or gather together in a predetermined order from various sources.
to determine value of; to evaluate.
to specify or designate tasks or duties to be performed by others.

## Action Words

| Assists | to help or aid others in the performance of work. |
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| Assumes | to undertake; to take for granted. |
| Assures | to give confidence; to make certain of. |
| Attaches | to connect; to bind or affix to. |
| Attains | to come into possession of; to arrive at. |
| Attends | to be present. |
| Audits | to examine officially with intent to verify. |
| Awards | to confer or bestow. |
| Balances | to compute the difference between the debits and credits of an account; to reconcile accounts. |
| Batches | to assemble into a group for one operation. |
| Budgets | to plan expenditures. |
| Builds | to construct. |
| Calculates | to make a mathematical computation. |
| Calls | to communicate with by telephone; to summon; to announce. |
| Cancels | to mark out; to invalidate. (printing - to delete). |
| Certifies | to confirm as accurate or true. |
| Charts | to draw or plot data (as on a graph); to make a detailed plan. |
| Checks | to verify; to compare with a source. |
| Circulates | to pass from person to person or place to place. |
| Clarifies | to make easier to understand; to explain. |
| Classifies | to arrange or organize according to systematic groups, classes or categories. |
| Clears | to gain approval of others; to free from obstruction; to authorize; to get rid of. |
| Closes | to bring to a conclusion; to bar passage; to shut; to suspend or to stop operations. |
| Codes | to use symbols (letters or numbers) to represent words. |
| Collaborates | to work jointly with; to cooperate with others. |
| Collates | to organize or assemble in a predetermined sequence. |
| Collects | to gather. |
| Communicates | to impact a verbal or written message; to transmit information. |
| Compares | to examine for the purpose of discovering resemblances or differences. |
| Compiles | to put together information; to collect from other documents. |
| Completes | to finish; to carry out fully. |
| Complies | to act in accordance with rules, requests. |

## Action Words

Composes

Computers
Concurs
Condenses
Conducts
Confers
Confirms
Consolidates
Constructs

Consults
Contacts
Contributes
Controls

Converts

Conveys
Convinces

Coordinates

Copies
Corrects
Correlates

Corresponds
Counsels
Creates
Debugs

Decides
Delegates

Deletes
Delivers
Demonstrates
to make by putting parts together; to create; to write (an original letter, report, instructions).
to determine or calculate mathematically.
to agree with a position, statement, action or opinion.
to make more compact.
to carry on; to direct the execution of.
to compare views; to consult.
to give approval to; to assure the validity of.
to bring together.
to make or form by combining parts; to draw with suitable instruments and under specified conditions.
to seek advice of others; to give professional advice or services.
to communicate with.
to supply or give something; to submit for publication.
to measure, interpret and evaluate actions for conformance with plans or desired results.
to alter the physical or chemical nature of something; to alter for more effective utilization.
to move from one place to another; to transport; to communicate. to persuade; to cause others to believe something, using evidence and/or argument.
to regulate, adjust or combine the actions of others to attain harmony.
to duplicate an original.
to make or set right; to alter or adjust to conform to a standard.
to establish or demonstrate a casual, complimentary, parallel or reciprocal relation. to communicate with.
to advise; to consult with.
to bring into existence; to produce through imaginative skill.
to detect, locate and remove mistakes from a routine of malfunctions from a computer.
to arrive at a solution; bring to a definitive end.
to commission another to perform tasks or duties which may carry specific degree of accountability and authority.
to strike out or remove.
to set free; to convey; to send to an intended destination.
to illustrate and explain, especially with examples.

## Action Words

| Describes | to represent by a figure, model or picture; to trace the outline of; to give an account of in words. |
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| Designs | to conceive, create and execute according to plan. |
| Determines | to resolve; to fix conclusively or authoritatively. |
| Develops | to disclose, discover, perfect or unfold a plan or idea. |
| Devises | to form in the mind by new combinations or applications of ideas or principles; to invent. |
| Dictates | to read or speak information to be recorded or written by another. |
| Directs | to guide work operations through the establishment of objectives, policies, rules, practices, methods, and standards. |
| Disciplines | to penalize individuals or groups whose behavior is contrary to established rules/regulations. |
| Discusses | to exchange views for the purpose of arriving at a conclusion. |
| Dispatches | to send off, or forward, to known destination or on specific business. |
| Displays | to show; to spread before the view. |
| Disposes | to sell or get rid of. |
| Disseminates | to spread or disperse information or ideas. |
| Distributes | to deliver to proper destination. |
| Diverts | to turn from one course or to use another. |
| Drafts | to prepare papers or documents in preliminary form. |
| Draws | to compose or write up, following a set procedure or form (as in a contract); to pull or move something. |
| Edits | to revise and prepare material (written, film, tape, sound track) for publication or display. |
| Elaborates | to work out in detail; to give details. |
| Elects | to choose or select carefully. |
| Eliminates | to get rid of; to set aside as unimportant. |
| Employs | to make use of; to use or engage the services of; to provide with a job that pays a wage or salary. |
| Encourages | to inspire with spirit, hope; to give help or patronage to. |
| Endorses | to support or recommend. |
| Engages | to interlock with; to mesh; to provide occupation for; to arrange to obtain the use or services of. |
| Enlists | to engage for duty; to secure the support and aid of. |
| Ensures | to make sure, certain or safe; to guarantee. |
| Establishes | to bring into existence. |
| Estimates | to forecast future requirements. |

## Action Words

Evaluates
Examines
Exchanges
Excludes
Executes
Exercises
repeatedly in order to
Expedites
Extends
Extracts

Facilitates
Feeds

Files

Finalizes
Finds
Follows up
Forecasts
Formulates
Fosters
Functions
Furnishes
Gathers
Generates
Governs

Guarantees
Guides

Helps
Hires
Identifies
Implements
Imports
to determine or fix the value of.
to inspect closely.
to give or take one thing in return for another.
to shut out; to bar from participation, consideration or inclusion.
to put into effect; to carry out.
to exert influence; to train by drills and maneuvers; to use
strengthen and develop.
to accelerate the process of progress of.
to total columns. (Bookkeeping term)
to draw forth; to withdraw; to separate; to determine by calculation.
to make easier.
to move into a machine or opening in order to be used or processed; to furnish with something essential for growth, sustenance, maintenance or operation.
to arrange in a methodical manner; to rub smooth or cut away with a tool.
to put in finished form.
to encounter; to come upon by searching or effort.
to pursue closely in order to check progress.
to predict; to estimate in advance.
to develop or devise.
to promote the growth or development of.
to act or operate as; to serve.
to provide what is needed; to supply
to collect; to harvest; to accumulate and place in order.
to bring into existence; to originate by a vital or chemical process.
to exercise continuous sovereign authority over; to control and direct the making and administration of authority over; to hold in check; to have decisive influence.
to secure; to answer for the debt, default or miscarriage of. to show or lead the way to; to manage the affairs of; to influence the conduct or opinions of.
to be of use to; to relieve; to remedy; to serve.
to engage the service of for a set sum.
to establish the identity of; to associate with some interest.
to carry out; to execute a plan or program.
to bring from a foreign or external source.

## Action Words

Improves
Indicates
Informs
Initiates
Innovates

Inserts
Inspects
Installs

Institutes
Instructs
Integrates
Interprets
Interviews

Inventories
Invents
Investigates
Invests
Issues
Itemizes
Joins
Justifies

Keeps
Leads

Lends

Lets
Lists
Loads

Locates

Looks up
Maintains
to make something better.
to show, demonstrate with precision.
to communicate information to.
to start; to introduce; to originate.
to exercise creativity in introducing something new or in making changes.
to put (something) into, between or among other materials.
to examine or determine; to critically analyze for suitability.
to place in office; to establish in an indicated place, condition or status; to set up for use in office.
to establish in a position or office; to originate.
to teach; to coach; to communicate knowledge; to direct or order.
to unify; to make whole by putting all parts or elements together.
to give the meaning of; to explain to others.
to obtain facts or opinions through inquiry or examination or various sources.
to catalog or to count and list.
to think up or imagine; to create.
to observe or study by close examination and systematic inquiry.
to spend or use time, money or effort to achieve a future benefit.
to put forth or to distribute officially.
to list; to write down in detail.
to put or bring together.
to prove or show to be right or reasonable; to align words such that both left and right-hand margins are in line (typing term).
to hold or retain; to maintain.
to guide or direct on a course or in the direction of; to channel; to direct the operations of.
to give for temporary use on condition that the same or its equivalent be returned.
to allow; to rent or lease; to assign, especially after bids.
to enumerate; to enter into a catalog with a selling price.
to place in or on a means of conveyance; to increase the weight of by adding something heavy.
to find, determine or specify by means of searching, examining or experimenting; to seek and find.
to search for and find.
to continue; to carry on; to keep in an existing state.

## Action Words

| Makes | to cause to happen to; to cause to exist, occur or appear; to create; to bring into being by forming, shaping or altering material. |
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| Manages | to handle, control; to alter by manipulation; to succeed in accomplishing. |
| Maps | to make a survey of for the purpose of representing; to plan in detail. |
| Markets | to expose for sale; to sell. |
| Matches | to set in competition with; to provide with a worthy competitor; to cause to correspond. |
| Mediates | to interpose with parties to reconcile them; to reconcile differences |
| Merges | to combine items from two or more similarly ordered sets into one set that is arranged in the same order. |
| Models | to teach by personal example; to instruct by demonstration. |
| Modifies | to make less extreme; to limit or restrict the meaning of; to make minor change in. |
| Monitors | to watch, observe; to check for a specific purpose. |
| Motivates | to arouse or stimulate to action. |
| Moves | to go from one point to another; to begin operating or functioning, or working in a usual way. |
| Names | to nominate; to speak about. |
| Negates | to deny the existence or truth of; to cause to be ineffective or invalid. |
| Negotiates | to confer with others with a view to reaching agreement. |
| Neutralizes | to destroy the effectiveness of; to nullify. |
| Notifies | to make known. |
| Nullifies | to make of no value or consequence; to cancel out. |
| Observes | to see, notice or watch something or someone. |
| Obtains | to acquire; to gain possession of. |
| Occupies | to take possession of; to fill. |
| Omits | to leave out; to disregard. |
| Opens | to make available for entry or passage; to make accessible; to expose to view; to disclose. |
| Operates | to perform an activity or series of activities. |
| Opposes | to resist; to withstand; to place opposite or against. |
| Organizes | to arrange; to systematize or methodize. |
| Orients | to cause to become aware of; familiar with, or adjusted to facts, principles, procedure or situations. |
| Originates | to create; to invent. |

## Action Words

| Oversees | to watch; to superintend, supervise. |
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| Participates | to take part in. |
| Performs | to fulfill or carry out some action. |
| Permits | to consent to; to authorize; to make possible. |
| Persuades | to move by argument or entreaty to a belief, position or course of action. |
| Pinpoints | to locate or aim with great precision or accuracy; to cause to stand out conspicuously. |
| Places | to locate and choose positions for. |
| Plans | to devise or project the realization or achievement of a course of action. |
| Posts | to record information in ledgers or other forms from another source. |
| Practices | to perform or work at repeatedly in order to proficiency. |
| Predicts | to declare in advance; to foretell on the basis of observation, experience or scientific reason. |
| Prepares | to make ready for a particular purpose. |
| Prescribes | to establish as a rule or guide. |
| Presents | to introduce; to bestow; to lay as a charge before the court; to offer to view. |
| Preserves | to keep, guard, observe; to keep safe, protect; to keep free from decay; to maintain. |
| Prevents | to stop something from occurring; to take advance measures against. |
| Prices | to fix, establish or find out the value of. |
| Proceeds | to begin to carry out an action. |
| Processes | to subject to some special treatment; to handle in accordance with a prescribed procedure. |
| Procures | to obtain possession of; to bring about. |
| Produces | to grow; to make, bear or yield something; to offer to view or notice; to exhibit. |
| Programs | to arrange or work out a sequence of operations to be preformed. |
| Projects | to throw forward; to present for consideration; to communicate vividly, especially to an audience. |
| Promotes | to advance to a higher level or position. |
| Proposes | to form or declare a plan or intention. |
| Provides | to supply what is needed. |
| Pulls | to haul, tow; to remove, as in filing. |

## Action Words

| Purchases | to buy or procure by committing organizational funds. |
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| Qualifies | to moderate; to alter the strength or flavor of; to limit or modify the meaning of. |
| Quantifies | to make explicit the logical amount of; to determine or express the amount of. |
| Questions | to interrogate; to doubt; to dispute; to inquire. |
| Rates | to assess the value of; to appraise; to arrange in sequence of rank. |
| Reads | to interpret; to scan; to study the movements of; to understand the meaning of; to utter aloud the printed written words of. |
| Receives | to acquire, come into possession of. |
| Recommends | to advise or counsel a course of action; to offer or suggest for adoption. |
| Reconciles | to adjust; to restore to harmony; to make congruous. |
| Reconstructs | to rebuild; to reorganize or reestablish. |
| Records | to register; to set down in writing. |
| Recruits | to seek out others to become new members or personnel. |
| Rectifies | to correct by calculation or adjustment; to remedy; to set right. |
| Reduces | to narrow down; to diminish in size or amount; to abridge; to lower in grade or rank. |
| Refers | to send or direct for aid, treatment, information or decision; to direct attention; to make reference to. |
| Refines | to improve or perfect; to free from impurities. |
| Registers | to enter in a record. |
| Reinforces | to strengthen with additional forces or additions. |
| Rejects | to refuse to have, use or take for some purpose; to refuse to hear, receive or admit. |
| Releases | to set free as in releasing information; to permit the publication or dissemination of. |
| Remits | to send money in payment of; to submit or refer for consideration, judgment, decision or action. |
| Removes | to change the location, station or residence of; to dismiss from office. |
| Renders | to furnish an opinion; to answer. |
| Represents | to act in the place of or for. |
| Reports | to give an account of; to furnish information or data. |
| Requisitions | to ask in writing for something that is needed. |
| Rescinds | to make void; to repeal; to abrogate a contract by restoring preexisting conditions. |

## Action Words

Researches
Responds
Restricts
Retrieves
Reviews
Revises

Routes
Salvages
Satisfies

Scans

Schedules
Screens

Searches

Secures
Selects
Sells

Sends
Serves
Services
Signs
Simplifies
Solicits
Solves
Sorts

Specifies
Spends
Standardizes

Stimulates
Structures
Studies
to inquire specifically, using involved and critical investigations.
to make an answer; to show favorable reaction.
to confine within bounds; to restrain.
to regain; to rescue.
to consider; to re-examine.
to rework in order to correct or improve; to make a new, improved or up-to-date version.
to forward; to schedule or dispatch.
to rescue or save (as from wreckage or ruin).
to carry out the terms of (a contract); to meet financial obligations; to make reparation to; to please.
to examine; to search a series of punched cards, tapes or a memory bank to locate specific data (computer usage).
to plan a timetable; to fix time.
to examine in orderly fashion to determine suitability or acceptability (as in appraising potential employees); to cull. to examine; to probe; to make a thorough examination or investigation of.
to gain possession of; to guarantee; to make safe.
to choose the best suited.
to give up property to another for money or other valuable consideration.
to dispatch by a means of communication; to convey.
to assist; to be of use; to hold office.
to adjust; to repair or maintain.
to formally approve a document by affixing a signature.
to clarify; to reduce to basic essentials
to approach with a request or plea; to strongly urge.
to find a solution for.
to separate or arrange according to a scheme; to rank by kind, class, division, etc.
to state precisely in detail or to name explicitly.
to use up or pay out.
to bring into conformity to something established by authority, custom or general consent as a model or criterion.
to excite to activity; to urge.
to give arrangement or form to; to arrange or organize.
to contemplate; to carefully examine or investigate; to deliberate.

## Action Words

Submits
Summarizes
Supervises

Supplements
Supplies
Surveys
Synthesizes
Systematizes
Tabulates
Takes

Tenders
Tends
Tests
Totals
Traces
Trades
Trains

Transacts
Transcribes

Translates
Transmits

Turns

Types
Uncovers
Understands

Updates
Utilizes
Verifies
to present data for the discretion or judgment of others.
to restate material (facts, figures, etc.) briefly.
to personally oversee, direct, inspect or guide the work of others with responsibility for meeting with certain standards of performance.
to add to.
to furnish something that is needed; to provide; to equip.
to examine as to condition, situation or value.
to form new product by combining different elements.
to arrange methodically.
to put in table form; to set up in columns, rows.
to assume possession of; to grasp; to gain approval of; to undertake or perform.
to present for acceptance.
to act as an attendant.
to put to proof; to examine, observe or evaluate critically. to add; to compute.
to locate something by searching or researching evidence.
to give in exchange for another commodity; to make a purchase. to teach, demonstrate or guide others in order to bring up to a predetermined standard.
to carry on business; to negotiate.
to transfer data from one form of record to another or from one method of preparation to another, without changing the nature of data.
to turn into one's own or another language.
to transfer or send from one person or place to another; to send out a signal either by radio waves or over a wire.
to make, rotate, or revolve; to cause to move around so as to effect a desired end (as locking, opening, shutting); to reverse the sides or surfaces of.
to write using a typewriter; to arrange by categories.
to expose to view by removing a covering; to reveal.
to grasp the meaning of; to have thorough or technical acquaintance with or expertness in the practice of.
to bring current.
to make use of.
to confirm or establish authenticity; to substantiate.

## Action Words

Weighs
Withholds
Withstands
Writes
to ascertain the heaviness of; to consider carefully.
to hold back; to refrain from granting, giving or allowing. to stand up against; to resist successfully.
to set down letters, words, sentences or figures on paper or other suitable material; to author; to draft.

