

## Thesis & Verbs Quiz

1. List the five characteristics of a good thesis statement.

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2. What is the difference between an “explain” prompt versus a “discuss” prompt?

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3. What is an “analyze” prompt asking you to do?

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4. What is an “argue”, “defend”, “justify” or support prompt asking you to do?

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5. What is a “categorize” or “classify” prompt asking you to do?

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### Answer Section

#### COMPLETION

1. ANS:

Interprets the significance of the prompt's subject

Answers all parts of the question

Informs the reader about where you are going with your essay (roadmap)

Takes a position that a reasonable person might disagree

Is one sentence

PTS: 1

2. ANS:

- **Explain:** make something clear by giving reasons or examples; tell how and why

- **Discuss:** give details about; illustrate with examples

PTS: 1

3. ANS:

- **Analyze:** examine each part of the whole in a systematic way, then evaluate

PTS: 1

4. ANS:

- give evidence to show why an idea is right or good

PTS: 1

5. ANS: sort into groups based on a given set of traits or features

PTS: 1