

FINDING KEYWORDS IN QUESTIONS

Certain **key words in a question** tell you **what you must know** and **how you must use your knowledge** to answer the questions. There are three types of key words in an essay question:

Direction keyword

The direction keyword directs you to **what you have to do**, how to apply what you know

e.g. describe, compare, calculate, etc.



Knowledge keyword

The knowledge keyword relate to the broad **area of knowledge required** to answer the question

i.e. the broad topic of the question.



Restriction keyword

The restriction keyword **limit the knowledge required** by restricting you to specific details or aspects of the broad subject area.



EXAMPLE:

Critically discuss the role of the nuclear family as a primary agent of socialisation.



Direction keyword



Critically discuss



Knowledge keyword



nuclear family & socialisation.



Restriction keyword



the role & primary agent