

Understanding the use and function of "action" words

Organise this random list of "action" words according to the qualities that might be attributed to the actor who used them. Use the categories on the Worksheet. From a grammatical perspective, what do all these words have in common?

achieved	executed	organised	recommended
analyzed	generated	prepared	revised
budgeted	improved	programmed	selected
communicated	transformed	researched	supervised
conceptualized	issued	reorganised	tested
delegated	negotiated	solved	updated
devised	advised	systematised	created
evaluated	arranged	traced	designed
gathered	classified	utilised	expanded
implemented	computed	overhauled	generated
instituted	critiqued	presented	trimmed
invented	developed	promoted	reduced
managed	established	reviewed	boosted
administered	formulated	regulated	bolstered
applied	guided	scheduled	delivered
calculated	initiated	taught	enlarged
completed	introduced	trained	led
coordinated	launched	wrote	spearheaded
determined	lobbied	planned	strengthened
directed	operated	presided	took over

ABLE TO THINK CLEARLY

ABLE TO PLAN

ABLE TO ORGANIZE

ABLE TO COMMUNICATE

ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS

ABLE TO TAKE A LEAD

ABLE TO CHANGE THINGS

ABLE TO ACHIEVE GOALS

ABLE TO...