

Science Question Words

HOW and WHY

“give reasons”
“justify”
“explain”

Support your answer with concepts.

Plan the **logical flow** of your answer first; one dot point or sentence per mark is a common approach.

In your answer, use words like “therefore”.

“describe”

Give details but
not reasons.

ONLY the answer

“identify” “state”
“write”
“predict” “suggest”

Give the answer
and **no more**
unless asked.

MATHS

“calculate” “determine”

Use mathematical **working** out.

Give clear **steps** and reasons.

“derive” “show”

The result should be the last thing you write.

“hence”

Use the result from
the last question.

DIAGRAMS

“sketch” “draw”

Don't forget to include
necessary words or symbols.

“label”