Categorizing Action Verbs

Directions: Copy and cut apart the following verb cards. Distribute them to students for them to analyze to determine if the verbs involve physical or mental actions. These cards can be used as a whole class "We Do..", within a cooperative learning structure, or within a literacy center.

analyze	write		
ponder	memorize		
XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX		
XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX		

insult imagine understand sort highlight search XXXXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXX

distribute announce inform consider dream remove XXXXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXXXXX

wish apologize decide assist babble demonstrate XXXXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXXXX XXXXXXXX

sketch learn wonder exaggerate disappear command

Answer Key:

mental actions: analyze, memorize, ponder, imagine, understand, consider, dream, wish, decide, learn, wonder

physical actions: write, insult, sort, highlight, search, announce, distribute, inform, remove, apologize, assist, demonstrate, babble, sketch, exaggerate, disappear, command