

Action Verbs

“Suitable verbs don’t usually roll off the keyboard at the right time; they must be selected, more or less consciously, from a wide range of possibilities.”

Peter Richardson, *Style: A Pragmatic Approach*

achieve	direct	invent	reflect
allow	discuss	invest	rely
analyze	distinguish	investigate	remain
announce	educate	involve	remind
appeal	elevate	know	report
apply	elucidate	lack	research
assemble	engage	lead	restore
assess	ensure	learn	return
assist	entail	maintain	require
balance	envision	make	reveal
become	equal	manage	review
begin	establish	mentor	sample
believe	evaluate	modify	search
belong	examine	motivate	send
bring	excel	move	show
change	exemplify	negotiate	signal
choose	exhibit	need	specify
clarify	experiment	observe	start
coach	explain	occur	state
combine	extent	offer	study
compare	find	operate	strive
compose	focus	organize	suggest
conclude	form	perform	support
connect	give	plan	survey
constitute	help	portray	synthesize
contain	hinder	prepare	teach
contrast	identify	prevent	tend
coordinate	illuminate	produce	test
create	illustrate	prohibit	translate
decide	implement	promote	try
define	include	provide	understand
demonstrate	indicate	prove	use
depend	inform	pursue	validate
design	inspire	realize	verify
develop	instruct	receive	wish
diagnose	intend	recognize	work
differ	introduce	refine	write

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