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## **Signal Verbs**

Signal verbs are used to integrate source material into the text of an essay, and indicate that "borrowed" information is about to be used. These active verbs will often be used with "author tags," citing the source from which you obtained the information. This is a non-exhaustive list of signal verbs to use in your writing.

acknowledges adds advises analyzes announces answers argues asks asserts believes categorizes cautions challenges charges claims clarifies classifies comments compares concedes concludes condemns confirms confronts confuses considers contends continues contradicts convinces counters criticizes

critiques

declares

deduces defends defies defines demands demonstrates denies describes determines develops diminishes disagrees discusses disputes disregards distinguishes editorializes emphasizes endorses ends envisions establishes evaluates exaggerates exemplifies experiences experiments explains exposes expresses facilitates feels

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grants guides highlights hints hypothesizes identifies illuminates illustrates implies indicates infers informs initiates inquires insinuates insists interprets intimates investigates lists maintains marshals measures mentions negates notes notices nullifies objects observes offers opposes outlines

perceives

persists persuades phrases pictures pleads points out portrays postulates praises proclaims professes pronounces proposes protects proves provides ratifies rationalizes reaffirms reasons reconciles reconsiders refutes regards rejects relates relinquishes remarks reminds replies reports repudiates resolves responds

restates retorts reveals reviews sees shares shifts shows specifies states stipulates stresses substantiates substitutes suggests summarizes supplements supports synthesizes tells tests theorizes traces uncovers urges verifies views wants warns writes