



Active Verbs

Using **active verbs** is a way to make your writing more powerful and concise. When you use an active verb, the subject of the sentence does the action. When the subject of a sentence does the action, we say the sentence is in the **active voice**. The active voice makes your writing more lively, direct, and clear.

Here are some examples of active verbs you can use to enhance your writing.

Accepts	Acknowledges	Adds	Admires
Affirms	Allows	Analyzes	Announces
Answers	Argues	Assembles	Asserts
Assists	Believes	Buttresses	Categorizes
Cautions	Challenges	Claims	Clarifies
Compares	Complicates	Concludes	Considers
Conflates	Confronts	Confuses	Criticizes
Contradicts	Contrasts	Convinces	Condemns
Critiques	Declares	Defends	Defies
Demands	Denies	Describes	Determines
Distinguishes	Disconfirms	Discusses	Disputes
Disregards	Distinguishes	Emphasizes	Endorses
Enumerates	Exaggerates	Experiments	Experiences
Explains	Explores	Expounds	Facilitates
Formulates	Grants	Guides	Handles
Hesitates	Highlights	Hints	Hypothesizes
Identifies	Illuminates	Implies	Infers
Informs	Initiates	Insinuates	Insists
Interprets	Judges	Lists	Maintains
Narrates	Negates	Observes	Outlines
Parses	Perceives	Persists	Persuades
Pleads	Points out	Postulates	Praises
Proposes	Provides	Qualifies	Quotes
Ratifies	Reconsiders	Refines	Regards
Rejects	Relinquishes	Reminds	Repudiates
Resolves	Responds	Retorts	Reveals
Reviews	Seeks	Shares	Shows
Simplifies	States	Stresses	Suggests
Summarizes	Supplements	Supplies	Supports
Synthesizes	Uncovers	Urges	Verifies