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Verbs for describing	
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Explain	 to indicate the source gives details of how or why something happens
Argue	 to indicate the source presents a position on an issue
Point out	 to indicate the source presents something as a fact
Reject	 to indicate that a source disagrees with a position
Discuss	 to indicate the issue or topic that the source examines
Mention	 to indicate that a source deals very briefly with an issue
Note	- to indicate that a source deals very briefly with an issue
Evaluate	 to indicate that the source makes a judgment regarding an issue
Conclude	 to indicate the conclusion your source reaches
Suggest	 to indicate the source thinks something is possibly true
Emphasize	 to indicate the source's most important point





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Reporting Verbs

Verbs to add critical voice	
Claim	 to indicate that your source has stated something as fact (and you may disagree)
Contend	 to indicate that you disagree with your source's position
Assume	 to indicate that the source has treated something as a fact but you believe it is not
Reveal	 to indicate that the information was previously hidden or not widely known
Allege	 to indicate a source makes a claim without proof
Imply	 to indicate that the source says something indirectly
Exaggerate	 to indicate that the source places too much emphasis on something





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Verbs related to research:

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Study
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Investigate e.g. Wilson (2012) investigated bullying in the workplace.

- Research
- Examine
- Explore
- Verbs describing how the writer does something:
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