## **Active Verbs**

**Note of Caution**: Only use the verbs you're familiar with unless you take the time to examine the definition in the dictionary. **This is NOT a list of synonyms**. Each word has specific usage patterns that are unique to its meaning.

Literary Essay	Report or Persuasive Essay	Report or Persuasive Essay	Persuasive Essay	Report or Persuasive
	that refers to an	that describes	that refers to the possibilities of what	Essay that
	expert's opinion or	beginnings,	ideas can do,	involves laws
	research studies	0 0	*	or legal
	research studies	causes, effects, etc.	create, or assist	proposals
Alludes to	Analyzes	Advances	Accomplishes	Authorizes
Attests	Analyzes Assumes	Affects	Achieves	Allows
Clarifies	Concludes	Compels	Aids	Permits
Confirms	Confirms	Discovers	Alleviates	Sanctions
	Considers		Ameliorates	Licenses
Conveys Denotes	Construes	Empowers Forces	Assembles	Documents
			Assists	
Depicts	Deduces	Generates		Consents
Determines	Deliberates	Ignites	Attains	Forbids Prohibits
Displays	Demonstrates	Impacts	Attempts	
Emphasizes	Examines	Imposes	Augments	Disallows
Entails Establishes	Explores Identifies	Incites	Builds	Endorses
		Includes	Constructs	Bans
Exemplifies	Imparts	Influences	Delivers	Secures
Explains	Indicates	Initiates	Develops	Guarantees
Exposes	Maintains	Initiates	Discourages	Bars
Expounds	Manifests	Commences	Emits	Outlaws
Highlights	Misconstrues	Instigates	Encourages	Inhibits
Hints	Observes	Introduces	Engenders Enhances	Hinders
Illustrates	Perceives	Involves		Prevents
Implies	Pinpoints	Kindles	Enriches	Precludes
Connotes	Presumes	Launches	Establishes	Thwarts
Indicates	Questions	Leads to	Expands	Averts
Portrays	Reasons	Presents	Facilitates	Defends
Represents	Refers	Pressures	Grants	Protects
Reveals	Remarks	Promotes	Improves	Safeguards
Shows	Scrutinizes	Prompts	Increases	Guards
Signifies	Speculates	Provokes	Manufactures	Neglects
Substantiates	Substantiates	Results in	Offers	
Suggests	Supports	Sparks	Produces	
Typifies	Supposes	Stimulates	Progresses	
Underscores	Theorizes	Triggers	Provides	
	Upholds	Yields	Reaches	
	Validates		Supplies	
	Verifies		Transforms	

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