



Writing Centre

Academic Reporting Verbs

Reporting verbs are an important part of academic writing. They are used to introduce a quote, paraphrase, or idea from another source.

To create “flow” in your writing, avoid using the same reporting verb or phrase. Also, make sure you understand the specific meaning of the word as it can indicate your thoughts about the claim being made.

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| acknowledge | indicate | rejoin |
| add | infer | relate |
| address | inform | remark |
| admit | inquire | repeat |
| affirm | insinuate | reply |
| agree | insist | request |
| argue | interject | respond |
| articulate | maintain | reveal |
| ask | mention | state |
| assert | note | said |
| attest | object | stipulate |
| claim | observe | suggest |
| comment | petition | suppose |
| concede | point out | testify |
| conclude | proclaim | translate |
| concur | profess | urge |
| confirm | pronounce | warn |
| contest | propose | |
| continue | protest | |
| contradict | prove | |
| debate | query | |
| demand | question | |
| deny | quote | |
| denounce | read | |
| describe | reason | |
| dictate | rebut | |
| disclose | recite | |
| divulge | recognize | |
| elaborate | recount | |
| enunciate | refute | |
| exhort | regret | |
| explain | reiterate | |