



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.

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	