

Reporting verbs and message

Examples of reporting verbs	The message
State, say, write, document, report, study, detail List, Show, State, Define Describe, Indicate	Giving factual information
View, believe, think, regard, consider, reflect Argue, Assert, Assume	What the author thought
Categorise, assess, use, compare, contrast, focus on, explain, Concentrate, Examine, Explore, Emphasise, invoke, reason, posit, hypothesise, remark, Add, Ask, Survey, Formulate, Identify' Illustrate Include Convey Discuss, Find, observe, obtain, associate, Establish, Determine	The procedure How the author did it/what the author found
Recommend, conclude, note, point out, advise, advocate, affirm, Agree, Caution, Concede, Imply, Propose, Stress, Suggest, Postulate, Declare, Contend	What the author concludes
Challenge, dismiss, dispute, diverge from, object to, oppose, reject, Doubt, Condone, Refute, confuse, disregard, ignore, misuse, neglect, misinterpret, generalize, insist, Admit, Infer, Presume	Words which show opinion – usually a negative evaluation
Acknowledge, demonstrate, identify, improve, recognize, substantiate, highlight, confirm, prove Maintain, Endorse, Reveal	Words which show opinion – usually a positive evaluation