

# REPORTING VERBS

A reporting verb is a word used to talk about or report on other people’s work. Having a vocabulary list of reporting verbs will help you in your written assessments. This list will help you avoid repetition in your writing and help communicate your analysis of the literature. For example, Jones (2013) argues that ..../ The evidence presented suggests that/ Jones (2003) has also questioned...

PURPOSE	REPORTING VERBS
Agreement	accepts, acknowledges, admits, affirms, agrees, applauds, concedes, concurs, confirms, praises, recognises, supports
Argument & Persuasion	alerts, argues, assures, concludes, contends, convinces, emphasises, encourages, favours, insists, interprets, justifies, proves, promises, persuades, reasons, warns
Believing	asserts, assumes, believes, claims, declares, expresses, feels, guarantees, guesses, holds, hopes, imagines, insists, knows, maintains, professes, speculates, subscribes, thinks, upholds
Disagreeing & Questioning	asks, accuses, attacks, challenges, complains, contradicts, criticises, debates, denies, disagrees, discards, disclaims, discounts, dismisses, disputes, disregards, doubts, negates, objects to, opposes, questions, refutes, rejects, requests, wonders
Discussion	comments, details, discusses, explores, reasons
Emphasis	accentuates, emphasises, highlights, insists, stresses, underscores
Evaluation & Examination	analyses, appraises, assesses, blames, categorises, compares, complains, considers, contrasts, critiques, evaluates, examines, ignores, investigates, measures, scrutinises, understands, warns
Explanation	articulates, clarifies, defines, describes, explains, identifies, labels, outlines, simplifies
Presentation	announces, ascertained, comments, defines, describes, discovered, estimates, forgets, found, identifies, illustrates, implies, informs, instructs, lists, mentions, notes, observes, outlines, presents, remarks, reminds, reports, restates, reveals, says, shows, states, studies, uses
Suggestion	advises, advocates, alleges, hypothesises, postulates, proposes, recommends, speculates, suggests, theorises, urges

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