

Verbs In AP English Academic Discourse

Accentuates (stresses or emphasizes)

accepts

achieves

adopts

advocates (supports)

affects

alleviates (lessens)

allows

alludes (references)

analyzes

approaches

argues

ascertains (establishes, makes certain)

asserts

assesses

attacks

attempts

attributes

avoids

bases

believes

challenges

characterizes

chooses

chronicles

claims

clarifies

comments

compares

completes

concerns

concludes

condescends

conducts

conforms

confronts

considers

constrains

constructs

construes (interprets)

contends (challenges, argues)

contests (questions)

contrasts

contributes

conveys

convinces

creates

defends

defines

defies

demonstrates

denigrates (degrades, belittles)

depicts

describes

despises

details

determines

develops

differentiates

differs

directs

disappoints

discerns

discovers

discusses

dispels

displays

disputes

disrupts

distorts

dramatizes

elevates

elicits (brings out, extracts)

elucidates (expounds, illuminates)

embodies

empowers

encounters

enhances

enriches

ensues (follows, develops)

enumerates (details, specifies)

envisions

evokes

excludes

expands

exemplifies, demonstrates

experiences

explains

extrapolates (estimates)

fantasizes

focuses

forces

foreshadows

functions

generalizes

guides

heightens

highlights

hints

holds

honors

identifies

illustrates

imagines

impels (drives, forces)

implies

includes

indicates

infers

inspires

intends

interprets

interrupts

inundates (overwhelms, engulfs)

justifies

juxtaposes

lampoons (satirizes, ridicules)

lists

maintains

makes

manages

manipulates

masters

meanders (roams)

minimizes

moralizes

muses (ponders, deliberates)

notes

observes

opposes

organizes

overstates

outlines

patronizes

performs

permits

personifies

persuades

pervades (encompasses)

ponders

portrays

postulates (guesses)

predicts

prepares

presents

presumes
produces
projects
promotes
proposes
provides
qualifies
questions
rationalizes
reasons
recalls
recites
recollects
records
reflects
refers
refutes (contests, disproves)
regales (entertains, amuses)
regards
regrets
rejects
represents
repudiates (disclaims,
renounces)
results
reveals
reverts
ridicules
satirizes
seems
sees
selects
serves
shows
solidifies
specifies
speculates
states
strives
suggests
summarizes
supplies
supports
sustains
symbolizes
sympathizes
transcends
traces
transforms
understands
understates

uses
vacillates (hesitates,
fluctuates)
values
verifies
views
wants
wishes