

The Power of the Verb

Source is Neutral

comments	observes	writes
describes	points out	sees
explains	records	thinks
illustrates	reports	states

Source Argues

claims	alleges	holds	challenges
insists	maintains	argues	opposes
contends	defends	disagrees	

Source Suggests or Implies—But Doesn't Actually Say So

finds	predicts	speculates
reveals	concludes	considers
suggests	shows	implies
supposes	asks	

Source Admits

admits	agrees	concedes
concur	grants	allows

Source Disagrees

condemns	deplores	bemoans
warns	complains	questions
derides	laments	

Source Gets Lost or...

digresses	deviates	wanders
rambles	meanders	confuses
fluctuates	contradicts	