

POWER VERBS – Words to use instead of “says” or “writes”

accuses	consents	hastens to say	orders	repeats
acknowledges	contends	hesitates		replies
acquires	contests	hints	paints	reports
adds	continues		perceives	reprimands
addresses	contradicts	illustrates	persists	repudiates
admits	contributes	imitates	pervades	requests
admonishes	conveys	imparts	petitions	resolves
affirms	counters	implies	pleads	responds
advises	criticizes	implores	points out	resumes
advocates	cross-examines	indicates	ponders	retorts
affirms		infers	praises	reveals
agrees	debates	informs	portrays	runs on
alleges	decides	inquires	preaches	
allows	declaims	insinuates	predicts	scoffs
alludes	declares	insists	prevaricates	scorns
announces	decrees	inspires	proceeds	sermonizes
answers	defends	instructs	proclaims	sneers
apologizes	demands	interjects	prods	solidifies
appeals	demonstrates	interposes	profanes	specifies
appeases	demurs	interprets	professes	spells out
approves	denies	interrupts	prophesies	speaks
argues	describes	interrogates	promises	starts
articulates	determines	intimates	prompts	states
asks	dictates	intimidates	propounds	stresses
assents	discerns	intones	proposes	submits
asserts	disclaims	itemizes	protests	suggests
assures	discloses		pursues	sustains
attests	discusses	hints	puts in	
	dispels			taunts
begins	divulges	jeers	qualifies	tells
begs		jests	queries	testifies
believes	echoes	jokes	questions	thinks
berates	elaborates		quips	threatens
beseeches	elucidates	laughs	quotes	
boasts	emphasizes	lectures		urges
brags	entreats	lies	rails	
	enumerates	lists	rants	vaunts
cajoles	exaggerates		rates	validates
calls	exclaims	makes known	raves	ventures
cautions	exemplifies	magnifies	recalls	verbalizes
challenges	exhorts	maintains	recites	verifies
charges	explains	manifests	recommends	voices
chides	exposes	manipulates	reconciles	volunteers
cites	expostulates	marvels	records	
claims	expresses	masters	recounts	
clarifies	extends	mentions	refers	
coaxes	extols	mimics	refutes	
commands		mocks	regales	
comments	fears	mourns	regrets	
complains	foreshadows	muses	reiterates	
concedes	fumes		rejoins	
concludes		notes	remarks	
concurr	gloats		remembers	
confesses	goads	objects	reminds	
confirms	guesses	observes	remonstrates	
confutes		offers	renounces	