

Action Verbs



Action verbs help us describe ideas or images clearly and concisely, and they are especially helpful for resumes and emphasizing ideas. *See also: Active vs. Passive Verbs/Voice.*

Action verbs related to...

...communication / speaking

Agree	Correspond	Fret	Negotiate	Propose
Articulate	Debate	Growl	Observe	Prove
Bark	Disagree	Include	Offer	Quip
Clarify	Divulge	Interject	Outline	Reinforce
Confer	Draft	Joke	Persuade	Shout
Confess	Elicit	Mention	Plead	Speculate
Convey	Enlist	Mimic	Point out	Summarize
Correct	Express	Murmur	Promote	Urge

...forming ideas / creativity

Adapt	Devise	Imagine	Modify
Build	Draw	Imitate	Spark
Compose	Enhance	Innovate	Spur
Construct	Foster	Inspire	Structure
Design	Illustrate	Integrate	Transform

...possession

Acquire	Embody	Land	Recover
Belong	Enjoy	Obtain	Score
Come by	Find	Pick up	Seize
Covet	Gain	Purchase	Take back
Earn	Gather	Receive	Win

Action Verbs



...research

Analyze	Extract	Interview	Review
Clarify	Extrapolate	Investigate	Revise
Conduct	Formulate	Measure	Search
Critique	Gather	Organize	Solve
Determine	Identify	Report	Summarize
Evaluate	Inspect	Result	Survey
Examine	Interpret	Retrieve	Test

...movement

Accelerate	Dash	March	Run	Stimulate
Advance	Depart	Mosey	Saunter	Touch
Amble	Exit	Perform	Skip	Turn
Arrange	Gallop	Play	Sling	Walk
Bounce	Jump	Proceed	Slither	Yank
Crawl	Leave	Progress	Split	Zip

...help

Accompany	Counsel	Normalize	Provide	Structure
Advise	Delegate	Operate	Recommend	Succeed
Advocate	Devise	Organize	Reconcile	Supervise
Assist	Enact	Participate	Relate	Support
Care	Mediate	Prepare	Respond	Teach
Collaborate	Monitor	Procure	Schedule	Train
Coordinate	Motivate	Promote	Streamline	Unite