

Reporting verbs for academic writing

For the colligational aspects of these verbs, see the guide on the website.

accept	counter	guarantee	protest
acknowledge	criticise	guess	prove
add	critique	highlight	provoke
admit	debate	hold	put forward
advise	decide	hope	query
advocate	declare	hypothesise	question
affirm	defend	identify	realise
agree	define	ignore	reason
alert	demonstrate	illustrate	rebuff
allege	deny	imagine	recognise
allow	depict	imply	recommend
analyse	describe	indicate	refer
announce	determine	infer	refute
appraise	develop	inform	reject
argue	disagree	inquire	remark
articulate	disapprove	insist	remind
assert	discard	interpret	report
assess	disclaim	intimate	restate
assume	discount	investigate	reveal
assure	discover	justify	say
attack	discuss	know	scrutinise
aver	dismiss	list	show
believe	disprove	maintain	speculate
blame	disregard	mention	state
cast doubt on	doubt	note	stress
challenge	emphasise	object (to)	study
characterise	encourage	observe	substantiate
claim	endorse	oppose	suggest
clarify	estimate	outline	support
classify	evaluate	persuade	suppose
comment	examine	point out	suspect
concede	explain	portray	take into consideration
conclude	explore	posit	take issue with
concur	express	postulate	tell
confirm	fault	praise	theorise
congratulate	feel	predict	think
consider	find	present	throw light on
contend	forbid	profess	underline
contradict	forget	promise	understand
contribute	forgive	propose	urge