

Rhetorically Accurate Verbs

As a good reader and writer, you need to have a wide range of words at your disposal to accurately describe precisely what you think about what others have written. Below is a list of "rhetorically accurate" verbs to help you clearly present your thinking about what you have read.

accentuates	continues	illustrates	refutes
adds	contradicts	implies	reinforces
analyzes	contrasts	introduces	repeats
anticipates	conveys	lists	restates
appeals	cultivates	narrates	reveals
argues	demonstrates	offers	shows
asks	describes	opposes	states
asserts	details	predicts	speculates
augments	dramatizes	presents	stresses
boosts	elaborates	projects	suggests
builds	evaluates	proposes	summarizes
buttresses	exemplifies	provides	supports
cites	explains	qualifies	synthesizes
claims	expresses	questions	traces
compares	extends	quotes	underscores
confirms	fosters	reasons	uses
conjures	generalizes	rebutts	
connects	highlights	reflects	

Use these words as you describe what a writer has done, how he/she has constructed an argument, instead of focusing only on what the writer has said.
