

## Verbs Describing Author's Attitude

**Verbs that indicate the source author's attitude or approach to what he or she is saying:**

Author is Neutral	Author Infers or Suggests	Arthur Argues	Author Agrees	Author is Uneasy or Disparaging
comments	analyzes	claims	admits	belittles
describes	asks	contends	agrees	bemoans
explains	assesses	defends	concedes	complains
illustrates	concludes	disagrees	concurrs	condemns
notes	considers	holds		deplores
observes	finds	insists		deprecates
points out	predicts	maintains		derides
records	proposes			laments
relates	reveals			
reports	shows			
says	speculates			
sees	suggests			
thinks	supposes			
writes				

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