



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	Author Argues	Author Agrees	Author is Uneasy or Disparaging
Comments Describes Explains Illustrates Notes Observes Points out Records Relates Reports Says Sees Thinks Writes	Analyzes Asks Assesses Concludes Considers Finds Predicts Proposes Reveals Shows Speculates Suggests Supposes	Claims Contends Defends Disagrees Holds Insists Maintains	Admits Agrees Concedes Concurs Grants	Belittles Bemoans Complains Condemns Deplores Deprecates Derides Laments Warns

Source: Aaron, J.E. (1995). *The little, brown compact handbook* (2nd ed.). New York NY: Harper Collins, p. 220.

Examples:

Author is Neutral:

Smith (2004) *reports* that last month's precipitation was far above average.

Author Infers or Suggests:

Doe (1988) *reveals* that the Prime Minister had no intention of keeping his promises.

Author Argues:

Doe (1999) *insists* that the data is not accurate.

Author Agrees:

Smith (2001) *concurs* with Doe's findings on the smoking habits of teenagers.

Author is Uneasy or Disparaging:

The author *warns* that a lack of exercise may lead to heart disease.