

Verbs of Attribution—Ways to Say “He Said...”

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| 1. Accepts | 38. Declares | 75. Offers |
| 2. Accounts for | 39. Defines | 76. Opposes |
| 3. Acknowledges | 40. Demonstrates | 77. Points out |
| 4. Addresses | 41. Denies | 78. Presents |
| 5. Adds | 42. Describes | 79. Proposes |
| 6. Admits | 43. Disagrees | 80. Questions |
| 7. Advises | 44. Discusses | 81. Realizes |
| 8. Affirms | 45. Disputes | 82. Reasons |
| 9. Agrees | 46. Draws on | 83. Recalls |
| 10. Alleges | 47. Emphasizes | 84. Refers to |
| 11. Allows | 48. Endorses | 85. Reflects |
| 12. Analyzes | 49. Examines | 86. Refutes |
| 13. Answers | 50. Exclaims | 87. Rejects |
| 14. Argues | 51. Exhibits | 88. Remarks |
| 15. Asks | 52. Explains | 89. Replies |
| 16. Asserts | 53. Expresses | 90. Reports |
| 17. Assumes | 54. Feels | 91. Responds |
| 18. Attempts | 55. Finds | 92. Reveals |
| 19. Attributes | 56. Formulates | 93. Sees |
| 20. Believes | 57. Found out | 94. Shows |
| 21. Categorizes | 58. Grants | 95. Signifies |
| 22. Challenges | 59. Hypothesizes | 96. Speculates |
| 23. Charges | 60. Illustrates | 97. States |
| 24. Cites | 61. Implies | 98. Stresses |
| 25. Claims | 62. Indicates | 99. Studies |
| 26. Comments | 63. Insinuates | 100. Suggests |
| 27. Compares | 64. Insists | 101. Supports |
| 28. Complains | 65. Interprets | 102. Supposes |
| 29. Concludes | 66. Introduces | 103. Tells of |
| 30. Concurs | 67. Investigates | 104. Theorizes |
| 31. Confesses | 68. Lists | 105. Thinks |
| 32. Confirms | 69. Maintains | 106. Uses |
| 33. Considers | 70. Mentions | 107. Utilizes |
| 34. Contends | 71. Mumbles | 108. Verifies |
| 35. Criticizes | 72. Notes | 109. Writes |
| 36. Deals with | 73. Objects | |
| 37. Decides | 74. Observes | |

Signal Phrases—Ways to Say “He Said...”

1. As cited in his article...
2. Jonson's answer...
3. To illustrate this point...
4. Given Jonson's sound premise...
5. In his view...
6. According to Jonson...
7. The most salient point of Jonson's article...
8. The most important point of Jonson's article...
9. Jonson continues to add validity to his argument through the example of...
10. An example of this principle in use would be...
11. Jonson illustrates this point with...
12. Another example Jonson gives...
13. Jonson supports his argument...
14. Another point Jonson mentions...
15. The last point Jonson makes...
16. Another detail Jonson gives to support his argument...
17. As the author points out...
18. Jonson goes on further to say...
19. In Jonson's decision...
20. In Jonson's eyes...
21. As an example of this point...
22. As Jonson tells us...
23. One such example proposed by Jonson...
24. As an example, Jonson recites an instance of...
25. In support of this point, he cites...
26. Jonson informs the reader...
27. In Jonson's judgement...
28. To further exemplify his point, the author categorizes...
29. Jonson's findings show...
30. Jonson's article elicits...
31. He extends his statement by...
32. As identified by Jonson...
33. As Jonson defines it...
34. The author places specific emphasis on...
35. Jonson directs our attention to...
36. Here Jonson makes specific reference to...
37. The author sums up his point by...