116 Verbs That Energize Your Writing

Looking for a "workhorse" verb? Select from this list:

abolish  define  improve  reduce
accelerate  defuse  increase  refresh
achieve  deliver  indicate  replace
act  deploy  innovate  resist
adopt  design  inspire  respond
aim  develop  intensify  retain
align  diagnose  interfere  save
anticipate  discover  jump  scan
apply  drive  keep  segment
assess  eliminate  lead  setup
avoid  emphasize  learn  shatter
boost  ensure  leverage  show
break  establish  manage  sidestep
bridge  evaluate  master  signal
build  exploit  maximize  simplify
burn  explore  measure  solve
capture  filter  mobilize  stimulate
change  finalize  motivate  stop
choose  find  overcome  stretch
clarify  focus  penetrate  succeed
comprehend  foresee  persuade  supplement
compromise  gain  plan  take
confront  gather  pinpoint  train
connect  generate  position  transfer
conquer  greed  prevent  transform
convert  identify  profit  understand
create  ignite  raise  unleash
cross  illuminate  realize  use
decide  implement  reconsider  win
Strong Verbs

What's the purpose of your paper?
What do you want your reader to do or feel?

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accuse
dance
acknowledge
dazzle
admonish
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Verb Reference List for Summaries

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## OTHER WAYS TO SAY...

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| likable    | admirable | nauseating| nauseous  |## 100 WAYS TO SAY "BAD"

There are clearly lots of ways to say bad, but remember that bad can mean many things. The words below are not necessarily synonymous. Some will only work in particular situations. Be sure you know the word well before you use it in your writing. If you aren't sure, use a dictionary.

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## 100 WAYS TO SAY "GOOD"

Good can mean many different things. When you say "This is a good idea," you mean something very different from when you say "The good person," or "She is a good teacher." There are 100 synonyms for good in three categories. This is a limited list. There are many more ways to say good. To your friend who asks "Is this a good idea?" 100 of these words will work in every situation. As for the "good person," you use the word too often. Use 100 in your writing. If you aren't sure, use a dictionary.

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