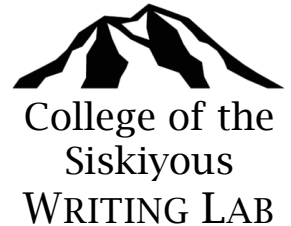


INTRODUCE QUOTATIONS



INTRODUCTION: When introducing a quotation, consider using a word that is more descriptive than “said.”

acknowledges	complains	endorses	offers	reviews
adds	concedes	evaluates	opposes	says
admits	concludes	explains	points out	sees
advises	concur	expresses	portrays	shows
advocates	confirms	finds	proposes	specifies
agrees	considers	grants	proves	speculates
analyzes	contends	hypothesizes	reasons	states
appeals	contrasts	illustrates	recommends	suggests
argues	criticizes	implies	reflects	summarizes
asks	declares	inquires	refutes	supposes
asserts	defines	insists	rejects	tells
assumes	denies	interprets	relates	testifies
believes	describes	justifies	replies	thinks
claims	discusses	maintains	reports	traces
comments	disputes	notes	responds	warns
compares	emphasizes	observes	reveals	writes

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Instead of writing:

Ernie **says**, “Don’t throw plastic bottles in the forest.”

Use a more descriptive verb from the list:

Ernie **appeals** to litterbugs: “Don’t throw plastic bottles in the forest.”

Instead of: Rita **said**, “Carry your trash out with you when hiking.”

Try: Rita **recommended**, “Carry your trash out with you when hiking.”