

f HYDOXDWH VRPHRQH¶V LGHDV

Often you will be assessed on your ability to demonstrate these skills.

, W LV UHSHWLWLYH DQG ERULQJ WR ZULWH µ6PLWK VDV ¶ RYH
choice of reporting verbs in English. Reporting verbs can indicate:

f WKH DXWKRU¶V SHUVRQDO YLHZSRLQW

f your viewpoint regarding what the author says

f WKH DXWKRU¶V YLHZSRLQW UHJDUGLQJ RWKHU OLWHUDW

7R LQWHUSUHW WKH ZULWHU¶V LGHDV DFFXUDWHO\ KRZHYHU \\
nuance (sense of meaning). Use an English learner's dictionary to check that you have the right
verb for the right context.

Function and strength of reporting verbs

Some verbs are weaker in their function, while others are strong. Some verbs are followed by a
SUHSRVLWLRQ H J DV WR IRU ZLWK RI ZLWK RHWK SDJH DUH \\
addition, some verbs can fit more than one category e.g. warns can be used to disagree with,
emphasise or examine an idea.

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Example sentences

Remember that the tense you use for your reporting verb will depend on your style guide. Some styles prefer present tense while others prefer past tense.

Boynton (1982, p. 79) warns the reader that chocolate is unhealthy. In her book she refutes this claim.

Hanks (2004, p. 257) defines an idiom as a word or phrase that has a meaning that is different from the literal meaning of the words. This paper investigates the effects of alcohol on memory and stresses that further research be done as a matter of urgency.

Smith (2005) disagrees with Fry (2003) when she maintains that many students have trouble with reporting verbs.

Some people subscribe to the idea that chocolate is unhealthy, but a recent book refutes this claim.

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- Boynton, S. (1982). *Chocolate: The consuming passion*. London: Methuen.
- Hanks, P. (2004). The syntagmatics of metaphor and idiom. *International Journal of Lexicography*, 17 (3), 245-274.

Useful resources

Websites

- <http://www.academicenglishcafe.com/reporting-verbs.html>
- http://www.edufind.com/english/grammar/reporting_verbs.php
- http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/al/learning_english/leap/grammar/reportingverbs
- <http://www.york.ac.uk/rop/verbs.html>

Printables

- http://www.awc.metu.edu.tr/handouts/Verbs_to_Introduce_Paraphrases_and_Quotations.pdf
- <http://www.york.ac.uk/rop/documents/reportingverbfunctions.pdf>