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Action Verbs for Writing Powerful Outcomes

	Arrange	ldentify	Omit	Repeat
	Choose	Label	Order	Reproduce
	Сору	List	Quote	Select
Remember	Define	Locate	Recall	Spell
	Describe	Match	Recite	State
	Duplicate	Memorize	Recognize	Tell
	Find	Name	Relate	
	Arrange	Discuss	Interpret	Restate
	Associate	Exemplify	Locate	Review
	Clarify	Explain	Paraphrase	Rewrite
Understand	Classify	Express	Organize	Select
	Compare	Grasp	Outline	Summarize
	Contrast	Identify	Recognize	Transform
	Defend	Illustrate	Reorganize	Translate
	Describe	Indicate	Rephrase	Visualize
	Differentiate	Infer	Report	
	Apply	Criticize	Execute	Modify
Apply	Appraise	Demonstrate	Formulate	Operate
	Break down	Determine	Give examples	Practice
	Calculate	Develop	Identify	Schedule
	Choose	Diagnose	Illustrate	Sketch
	Classify	Dramatize	Implement	Solve
	Compute	Employ	Interpret	Use
	Construct	Estimate	Make use of	Utilize
	Contrast	Examine		Othize
			Manipulate	Madifi
Analyze	Analyze	Deduce	Experiment	Modify
	Break down	Derive	Extrapolate	Organize
	Calculate	Diagram	Formulate	Predict
	Categorize	Differentiate	Identify assumptions	Probe
	Change	Discriminate	Illustrate	Question
	Classify	Discuss	Induce	Simplify
	Combine	Dissect	Inspect	Sketch
	Compare	Distill	Investigate	Solve
	Contrast	Distinguish	Figure	Survey
	Criticize	Divide	Find	Test
	Debate	Examine	Model	
Evaluate	Agree	Critique	Evaluate	Recommend
	Appraise	Debate	Judge	Rule on
	Argue	Decide	Justify	Score
	Assess	Defend	Monitor	Select
	Award	Detect	Predict	Support
	Challenge	Discount	Prioritize	Test
	Check	Discredit	Persuade	Validate
	Choose	Disprove	Qualify	Value
	Conclude	Dispute	Rank	Verify
	Convince	Estimate	Rate	Weigh
	Criticize			
Create	Adapt	Design	Infer	Predict
	Arrange	Develop	Integrate	Prepare
	Assemble	Devise	Invent	Produce
	Build	Discover	Make up	Propose
	Change	Estimate	Manage	Rearrange
	Collect	Extend	Modify	Set up
	Compose	Formulate	Organize	Suppose
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	-		÷	Theorize
	Conclude Construct	Forward Generalize	Originate Plan	Theorize Transform

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