

## Verbs To Use In Signal Phrases

<p><b>Says</b> The verb introduces the quotation as information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds</li> <li>Believes</li> <li>Comments</li> <li>Describes</li> <li>Emphasizes</li> <li>Explains</li> <li>Mentions</li> <li>Notes</li> <li>Observes</li> <li>Offers</li> <li>Points out</li> <li>Remarks</li> <li>Reports</li> <li>Says</li> <li>States</li> <li>Writes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Agrees</b> The verb indicates that the source agrees with another source or with the position you are advancing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepts</li> <li>Agrees</li> <li>Assents</li> <li>Concurs</li> <li>Parallels</li> <li>Supports</li> </ul> <p><b>Yields</b> The source agrees that a conflicting point is valid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledges</li> <li>Admits</li> <li>Allows</li> <li>Concedes</li> <li>Grants</li> <li>Recognizes</li> </ul>
<p><b>Argues in favor</b> The verb indicates that the source is providing evidence or reasons for a position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Argues</li> <li>Asserts</li> <li>Contends</li> <li>Demonstrates</li> <li>Holds</li> <li>Illustrates</li> <li>Insists</li> <li>Maintains</li> <li>Proposes</li> <li>Shows</li> <li>Supports</li> </ul>	<p><b>Argues against</b> The verb that the source is responding critically to another source or with the position you are advancing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attacks</li> <li>Contradicts</li> <li>Criticizes</li> <li>Denies</li> <li>Differs</li> <li>Disagrees</li> <li>Disputes</li> <li>Objects</li> <li>Opposes</li> <li>Rebuts</li> <li>Refutes</li> </ul>
<p><b>States erroneously</b> The source makes a statement that you are skeptical about (be careful of your tone if you use these).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alleges</li> <li>Assumes</li> <li>Claims</li> </ul>	<p><b>Implies</b> The source presents information either tentatively or indirectly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implies</li> <li>Proposes</li> <li>Suggests</li> </ul>
<p><b>Continues</b> You continue to refer to or quote the source.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds</li> <li>Continues</li> <li>Goes on to say</li> <li>States further</li> </ul>	<p><b>Concludes</b> The source draws a conclusion from previous discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concludes</li> <li>Decides</li> <li>Determines</li> <li>Finds</li> </ul>