

## Words to Introduce Quotations

You may use direct quotations objectively to introduce an author or you can spice it up and introduce the quotation with a more explanatory word meant to describe your opinions about the author in question. A more expressive word, used correctly, can add emphasis and meaning to a paper. Remember, the word chosen will depend upon how *you*, the writer, want to introduce each specific quotation. **In short, these words are not interchangeable.** They do not all mean the same thing; hence, it is best to make use of a dictionary before using them. The list of words compiled is divided into four categories.

### **Straightforward, uncomplicated words:**

Argues  
Asks  
Cites  
Finds  
Names  
Notes  
Says  
Shows  
States  
Suggests  
Views  
Writes

### **Words introducing counter arguments:**

Chastises  
Contrasts  
Counters  
Criticizes  
Denies  
Denounces  
Negates  
Questions  
Renounces  
Retaliates  
Retorts  
Warns

### **Expressive words:**

Accepts  
Acknowledges  
Addresses  
Adds  
Admits  
Advances  
Affirms  
Agrees  
Alleges  
Allows  
Analyzes  
Announces  
Answers  
Articulates  
Asserts  
Assesses  
Attests  
Believes  
Brings forth  
Categorizes  
Claims  
Clarifies  
Comments on  
Compares  
Complies  
Concludes  
Concurs  
Confirms  
Considers  
Contemplates  
Contends

Defines  
Demonstrates  
Describes  
Determines  
Discovers  
Evaluates  
Examines  
Explains  
Explores  
Hypothesizes  
Identifies  
Illustrates  
Implies  
Inquires  
Inspects  
Interprets  
Investigates  
Learns  
Lists  
Makes the case  
Mentions  
Observes  
Offers  
Points out  
Ponders  
Presents  
Prompts  
Promotes  
Proposes  
Proves  
Proclaims  
Pronounces  
Recognizes

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Refers to	Declares	Reinforces
Remarks	Foreshadows	Rebukes
Reminds us	Foretells	Recapitulates
Replies	Fosters	Reconciles
Reports	Furnishes	Reminisces
Responds	Generates	Repudiates
Reveals	Grants	Resigns
Reviews	Grapples	Revokes
Stresses	Gushes	Savors
Studies	Hammers	Scrutinizes
Summarizes	Hopes	Sentimentalizes
Supports	Immortalizes	Stipulates
Surveys	Impoverishes	Surpasses
Verifies	Impugns	Sympathizes
Warns	Jests	Synthesizes
	Labors	Testifies
	Lambastes	Traces
	Lavishes	Transcends
	Longs	Uncovers
<b>Mega expressive words:</b>	Magnifies	Unearths
	Maintains	Withholds
	Maligns	Witnesses
	Manipulates	
Acquiesces	Masks	
Appraises	Measures	
Ascertains	Minimizes	
Bemoans	Misappropriates	
Braggs	Moralizes	
Castigates	Muses	
Concedes	Nurtures	
Conceives	Obscures	
Critiques	Overlooks	
Deliberates	Overreacts	
Delineates	Perceives	
Discloses	Persuades	
Detracts from	Perverts	
Discerns	Posit	
Emphasizes	Postulates	
Encapsulates	Postures	
Encourages	Preempts	
Entangles	Preaches	
Envisions	Publicize	
Estimates	Rambles	
Exhibits	Rationalizes	
Expounds on		
Expresses		
Fabricates		

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