

## **Writing Centre**

## **Reporting Verbs**

Reporting verbs are an essential part of academic writing to introduce a quote or a paraphrase. To create good writing flow, avoid using the same reporting verb or phrase. Also, make sure you understand what the word means as it can indicate your thoughts about the claim being made.

Here is a list of some reporting words and phrases:

acknowledge declare add decree demand address admit deny affirm denounce agree describe announce dictate argue disclose articulate divulge ask elaborate enunciate assert exclaim attest exhort beg boast explain hold brag call hesitate charge hint claim implore indicate comment infer complain concede inform conclude inquire concur insinuate insist confess confirm interject confide interrogate contest intimate continue lament contradict lecture debate lie

maintain mention narrate note object observe order petition plead point out preach proclaim profess pronounce propose protest prove query question quibble quote rant read reason rebut recite recognize recount refute

regret

reiterate rejoin relate remark remonstrate repeat reply reprimand request respond reveal rule state said stipulate suggest suppose swear talk testify think tell translate urge utter vow warn