

Verbs That Help You Attribute Quotations

Attributive phrases use verbs in the *present tense*. To vary attributive phrases, use some of the verbs listed below. However, you should always know the **exact** definition of a word before you use it; otherwise you run the risk of saying something other than what you wanted to say.

adds	denies	recommends	reports
agrees	derides	relates	endorses
asks	disputes	reveals	rejects
asserts	emphasizes	says	defends
believes	explains	sees	declares
claims	finds	shows	points out
comments	holds	speculates	refutes
compares	illustrates	states	contends
concedes	implies	suggests	observes
concludes	insists	thinks	responds
condemns	maintains	warns	