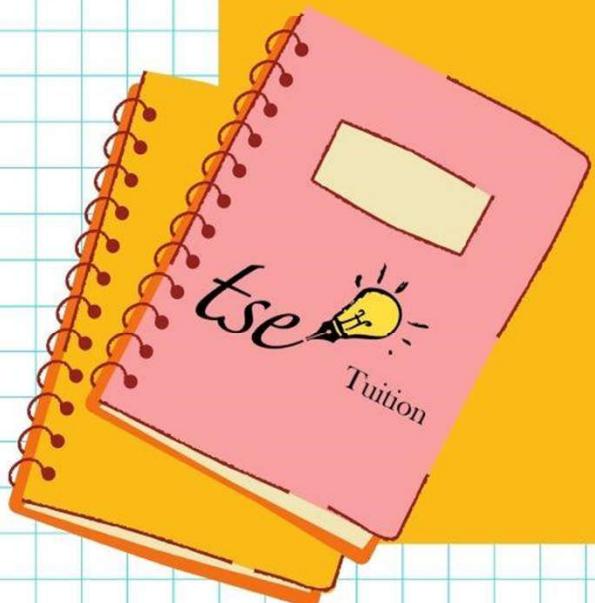


Argument Analysis Vocabulary



Use the following tables to find more exciting verbs for your analysis. The further away from the middle word, the more different the words are.

Bonus activity: add your own words to the tables!

Instead of 'the author argues', the author could...

emphasises	acknowledges	labels	names	attributes
repeats	presents	suggests	recognises	urges
connects	implies	ARGUES	accepts	highlights
associates		contends		

Now add the following words to the table: declares, asserts, claims, states, pronounces, alleges, addresses, persuades

Instead of 'the author supports', the author could...

bolsters	pleads	justifies	defends	applauds
praises	endorses	asserts	maintains	credits
condones	upholds	SUPPORTS		commends
rebuts				encourages

Now add the following words to the table: reinforces, substantiates, consolidates, corroborate, strengthens, fortifies, gives weight to, builds on, compounds, accentuates

Instead of 'the author attacks', the author could...

rejects	denies	accuses	complains	implicates
blames	denounces	condemns	criticises	derides
mocks	refutes	ATTACKS	undermines	contradicts
ridicules				questions

Now add the following words to the table: confronts, criticises, charges, censures, belittles, insults, disparages, denigrates, vilifies, satirises

Instead of 'the author describes', the author could...

frames	imagines	interprets	labels	characterises
outlines	depicts	portray	construct	elaborates
embellishes	illustrate	DESCRIBES	render	associates
recreates				highlights

Now add the following words to the table: presents, paints, demonstrates, shows, elicits, engenders, reflects, enhances

Instead of 'the author quotes', the author could...

refers to	defers to	paraphrases	mentions	selects
replicates	cites	reproduces	references	alludes to
draws from	retells	QUOTES	recalls	gleans from
	repeats	reiterates		

Now add the following words to the table: fosters a sense of, indicates, produces, typifies, exemplifies

Instead of 'the author states', the author could...

imply	hint	intimate	connote	insinuates
	advances	conveys (the idea that)	proclaims	propagates
		STATES	promotes	

Now add the following words to the table: signifies, alludes to, signals,

Instead of 'the author praises', the author could...

highlights	stresses	admires		
underscores		commends	extols	
accentuates		PRAISES	honours	
reiterates		supports	lauds	

Now add the following words to the table: intensifies, promotes, magnifies, downplays

Instead of 'the author rejects', the author could...

		denies	repulses	
	rebuts	refutes	repudiates	
	disproves	REJECTS	contradicts	
erodes				
weakens	crushes			

Now add the following words to the table: downplays, cast aspersions at, scorns, casts doubt on, dismisses

Instead of 'the author tries', the author could...

		aims	endeavours	
	TRIES		seeks	
		attempts	strives	

Now add the following words to the table:

Instead of 'the author persuades', the author could...

encourages	inspires	stimulates	attracts	captivates
prompts	positions	motivates	coaxes	entices
assures	sways	PERSUADES	seeks	
	urges	convincs	strives	
		attempts		

Now add the following words to the table:

Instead of 'the author uses, the author could...

		USES		

Now add the following words to the table: