



Varying Your Language

When presenting evidence, you will probably find yourself frequently needing to write something to the effect that "X said ____" and "X explained ____." but using the words "said" and "explained" over and over again can make your essay tedious to read. Instead, try using synonyms for the word "said" to both vary your writing and to be more precise in what you are reporting.

Indicate whether each word below is a good synonym for "said" or "explained." Write "said" or "explain" on each line.

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| 1. Indicate _____ | 9. allege _____ |
| 2. Insist _____ | 10. investigate _____ |
| 3. Maintain _____ | 11. reveal _____ |
| 4. Observe _____ | 12. deal with _____ |
| 5. Recount _____ | 13. Relate _____ |
| 6. assess _____ | 14. Remark _____ |
| 7. elucidate _____ | 15. Report _____ |
| 8. assert _____ | 16. question _____ |