

## Strong Verbs

Strong Verbs for Essays		
abrogate	distort	negate
affirm	diverge	neglect
aggravate	from	nullify
analyze	dominate	obscure
adhere	entail	obviate
advance	envision	organize
apply	evaluate	outline
argue	exacerbate	perpetuate
assess	examine	portray
attract	exemplify	preclude
avert	expand	prevail
breach	explode	promote
burden	explore	propagate
categorize	expound	propose
challenge	extrapolate	prove
compare	focus	react
complicate	forge	reap
comprise	fuse	rebut
compute	garner	recur
conceptualize	generate	refine
constitute	highlight	reconfigure
construct	ignore	recreate
contradict	illuminate	resist
contrast	illustrate	resonate
control	impair	respond
convey	impose	result
create	implicate	rupture
deepen	initiate	sanction
define	instigate	show
delineate	intervene	signal
demean	investigate	signify
demolish	involve	solidify
demonstrate	isolate	solve
deny	justify	strengthen
depend on	juxtapose	support
develop	launch	sustain
differentiate	legitimate	threaten
diminish	loom	transform
disabuse	manifest	translate
disappear	maximize	typify
disavow	measure	underpin
dismiss	minimize	vitiate
distinguish	mitigate	weaken

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Strong Verbs for Stories		
chomp	liquefy	float
dine	dig	glide
graze	burrow	soar
guzzle	sink	flow
munch	climb	ooze
slurp	mount	-----
-----	scale	race
ask	-----	roll
beg	crumple	slide
plead	crush	speed
question	wreck	soak
-----	-----	spatter
hiss	close	speckle
snuffle	shut	sprinkle
squeal	slam	gush
yell	-----	-----
gasp	excite	loaf
huff	calm	lounge
sigh	lull	nap
snap	soothe	snooze
whisper	-----	snore
-----	enjoy	-----
bellow	hope	squeeze
croak	imagine	jab
cry	listen	poke
howl	aid	smudge
roar	-----	stroke
scream	cherish	-----
shout	prize	force
shriek	treasure	nudge
-----	adore	prod
boast	-----	-----
command	gaze	crawl
instruct	look	creep
reply	peek	march
teach	peer	plod
-----	-----	stride
build	exit	wander
craft	leave	-----
create	halt	bolt
brew	quit	dart
mix	-----	dash
gel	chase	run
-----	follow	scurry
crave	obey	skip
want	pursue	-----
wish		fumble
		grasp
		hold

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