

Achieving Your Best Writing



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Intransitive Verbs (Action Verbs/ Don't Have a Direct Object)

Stumble
Wobble
Glide
Zip
Lurch
Sail
Crash
Dive
Tip-toe
Pussyfoot
Duck
Flip-flop
Dilly-dally
Linger
Stall
Sway
Sink
Spur
Hurry
Dash
Flip
Chew
Stroll
Sashay
Amble
Plod
Loiter
Meander
Galavant
Roam
Snake
Twist
Dance

Jig
Jive
Waltz
Tango
Swirl
Hop
Trip
Skip
Twirl
Gallup
Stride
Zoom
Trot
Dart
Sprint
Shoot
Leap

Transitive Verbs (Must Have a Direct Object)

Crank up
Snowball
Flood
Skyrocket
Catapult
Flick
Jump-start
Tackle
Grab
Grasp
Wrestle
Poke
Stir
Prod
Stab
Strike

Hit
Drop
Smash
Plunge
Dump
Drain
Squeeze
Topple
Block
Muzzle
Electrify
Galvanize
Fire-up
Ignite
Kindle
Whip up
Sharpen
Shock
Jolt
Beat
Trigger
Pocket
Bat
Smack
Slap
Kick
Kick-start
Hammer
Nail
Club
Flog
Clutch
Hook
Cling
Grip

Sensory Verbs (Verbs That Show Senses)

Sparkle
Shine
Wipe out
Muddle
Dazzle
Brighten
Spark
Glow
Shimmer
Glimmer
Beam
Ripple
Tickle
Thrill
Explode
Burst
Guzzle
Gobble up
Breeze through
Drool
Spit
Roar
Thunder
Reverberate
Resonate
Rumble
Flavor
Smooth
Rub
Tremble
Vibrate
Pulsate
Throb
Whisper

Quiver
 Buzz
 Sip
 Slurp
 Slobber
 Blemish
 Applaud
 Clash
 Bounce
 Blend
 Shake
 Savor
 Tantalize
 Titillate
 Pinch
 Hose
 Bathe
 Douse
 Shower
 Drench
 Spray
 Sprinkle
 Trickle
 Splash
 Seep
 Slide
 Slump
 Tumble
 Nose-dive
 Fly
 Float
 Clog
 Swoop
 Propel
 Dig in
 Dip
 Surge

Wolf down
 Gulp down
 Shovel
 Roll
 Soar
 Curl up
 Unfold
 Weave
 Swipe
 Tear
 Polish
 Vanish
 Spin
 Weave
 Buckle down
 Intertwine
 Button
 Pierce
 Stick to

Onomatopedic Verbs (Sounds)

Crack
 Tap
 Sputter
 Snap
 Knock
 Boom
 Clap
 Bang
 Drum
 Squeal
 Bump
 Chatter
 Twitter
 Chirp
 Clank

Click
Click-clack
Tip-tap
Jingle
Jangle
Rattle
Tinkle
Hush
Murmur
Pop
Plop
Fizz
Sizzle
Swoosh
Gargle
Hiss
Burp
Hiccup
Whack
Crumb
Crunch
Squeak
Flutter
Crumble
Cackle
Flutter
Tee-hee
Honk
Hum
Meow
Woof
Munch
Shush
Screech
Slosh
Squish
Whirr

Gnaw

Positive Emotion Verbs

Flourish
Thrive
Bloom
Blossom
Mushroom
Smile
Grin
Cheer
Raise
Boost
Bolster
Energize
Lift
Raise
Invigorate
Excite
Enliven
Fortify
Embolden
Hearten
Animate
Arouse
Hypnotize
Spellbind
Sweep off one's feet
Fall in love
Unclog
Clarify
Disentangle
Liberate
Relieve
Release
Unshackle

Cuddle
Nestle
Huddle
Snuggle
Hug
Kiss
Embrace
Massage
Cradle
Enfold
Envelop
Sprout

Negative Emotion Verbs

Choke
Strangle
Smother
Gag
Suffocate
Throttle
Howl
Blubber
Cry
Scream
Groan
Moan
Fret
Fume
Nag
Bleed
Fume
Steal
Kidnap
Ransack
Loot
Pilfer

Plunder
Snitch
Puke
Vomit
Yelp
Bark
Growl
Mutter
Grumble
Sputter
Suck
Scold
Plunder
Collapse
Skid
Agitate
Slave
Labor
Wreck
Ruin
Cripple
Decimate
Devastate
Trash
Shatter
Torpedo
Sabotage
Capsize
Maul
Crush
Slash
Bruise
Hijack