

ACTIVE VERBS FOR ACADEMIC ESSAYS

achieves	destroys	intends	refuses
afflicts	develops	interests	regards
allow	differs	introduces	reject
alternates	directs	invests	relies
announce	disagree	involves	remains
answers	discuss	keeps	remembers
appeals	disputes	knows	reminds
applies	distinguish	lacks	repeats
argues	doubts	leads	result
assists	earns	learns	returns
assumes	educates	lists	requires
avoid	elevates	looks	sends
becomes	ends	means	shocks
begins	engages	mimics	shows
believe	ensures	moves	signals
belongs	entails	negates	specifies
betrays	equals	neglects	stands
brings	establishes	needs	starts
captures	estimates	notices	states
changes	excludes	obscures	suffers
checked	exhibits	observes	suggests
choose	explains	occurs	supports
coincides	expresses	offers	symbolizes
combines	failed	perceive	teaches
compares	finds	precludes	tends
complicates	finishes	presented	thinks
condemns	focus	prevent	translates
connects	follows	proclaims	tries
considers	forbids	produce	understand
constitutes	form	prohibits	uses
contains	gives	promises	verifies
contradicts	happens	promotes	waits
contrasts	helps	provides	watch
corrupts	hinders	provokes	wish
creates	identifies	pursues	works
damages	ignored	questions	writes
decides	illuminates	realize	
defines	implies	receives	
demonstrates	includes	recognize	
denies	indicates	recurs	
depends	informs	reduces	
describes	inspires	reflects	