**VERBS**

Action words

(Underline in red)

**Verb Start it: Begin a sentence with a verb.**

**\*Use commas after a Verb Start It.**

Example:

* Original sentence: The Greeks fought the war
* (PROFICIENT) Revised sentence: Running, the Greeks fought the war.
* (ADVANCED) Revised sentence: Running towards their opponents, the Greeks fought the war.
* Revised sentence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Verb Improve It: Replace a weak verb with a strong, action verb.**

Example:

* Original sentence: The blender broke into thousands of pieces.
* Revised sentence: The blender shattered into thousands of pieces.
* Revised sentence: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Vivacious Verbs:**

abandon

abduct

abolish

abscond

accelerate

accuse

achieve

acquire

adapt

address

adjust

administer

advance

advise

aim

allocate

analyze

anticipate

apprehend

approach

arrest

ascertain

assault

assemble

assess

attack

attain

audit

avert

bar

berate

besiege

block

blow

brighten

buck

budget

bump

bury

bushwhack

cajole

charge

chart

choke

clash

classify

climb

clip

clutch

coach

collapse

collar

collect

collide

command

commandeer

communicate

compile

complete

compose

compute

conduct

conserve

consolidate

construct

consult

control

coordinate

counsel

cram

crash

crawl

create

creep

cripple

crouch

dart

dash

deal

decide

deck

deduct

delegate

delineate

descend

desiccate

disperse

dramatize

drape

elevate

elude

emerge

endure

engage

ensnare

erupt

embody

establish

estimate

evacuate

evade

evaluate

evict

examine

exert

explode

extend

fade

fake

fall

falter

fan

fast

flabbergast

flee

flick

flinch

fling

flog

flounder

gain

gallop

gather

generate

gnaw

grapple

hack

hijack

hobble

hoist

hold

hover

hypothesize

identify

ignore

illustrate

imitate

implement

improve

improvise

inch

inflict

influence

inform

inject

injure

insert

inspect

inspire

instigate

institute

interchange

interpret

interview

invade

invent

inventory

investigate

isolate

jab

jam

jar

jeer

jimmy

keel

kibitz

kick

lash

launch

lead

lecture

maim

maintain

mangle

manipulate

march

maul

meddle

mediate

mentor

mimic

mingle

mobilize

mock

mourn

move

mumble

needle

negotiate

nick

nip

observe

obtain

occupy

offer

officiate

operate

order

organize

oversee

pack

paddle

page

pander

panic

parachute

perplex

paralyze

park

parry

patrol

pause

paw

pirate

prescribe

present

preside

question

read

realize

reiterate

recline

recommend

reconcile

reconnoiter

record

recoup

recruit

redeem

reduce

reel

refer

regain

rejoin

resist

retaliate

retreat

scrutinize

scamper

scavenge

scuffle

sculpt

scuttle

sever

shanghai

sharpen

shock

slacken

smuggle

snare

stifle

subdue

submerge

submit

summarize

swagger

swap

synthesize

systematize

tackle

target

tarnish

taunt

teach

tear

tease

telephone

terrorize

test

thrash

thread

threaten

throw

tickle

tie

tilt

tip

toss

touch

tout

track

train

transcribe

transfer

translate

trap

tread

treat

trip

trot

trounce

try

tuck

tug

tumble

turn

tutor

twist

type

understand

undertake

undo

ululate

unfold

unify

unite

untangle

unwind

update

usher

utilize

vacate

vanish

vanquish

vex

vent

venerate

wade

walk

wander

ward

watch

wave

wedge

weed

weigh

whack

whip

whirl

whistle

wield

wiggle

withdraw

work

wreck

wrench

wrestle

write

yank

yell

yelp

yield

zap

zip