

Verbs of Attribution—Ways to Say “He Said...”

1. Accepts
2. Accounts for
3. Acknowledges
4. Addresses
5. Adds
6. Admits
7. Advises
8. Affirms
9. Agrees
10. Alleges
11. Allows
12. Analyzes
13. Answers
14. Argues
15. Asks
16. Asserts
17. Assumes
18. Attempts
19. Attributes
20. Believes
21. Categorizes
22. Challenges
23. Charges
24. Cites
25. Claims
26. Comments
27. Compares
28. Complains
29. Concludes
30. Concurs
31. Confesses
32. Confirms
33. Considers
34. Contends
35. Criticizes
36. Deals with
37. Decides
38. Declares
39. Defines
40. Demonstrates
41. Denies
42. Describes
43. Disagrees
44. Discusses
45. Disputes
46. Draws on
47. Emphasizes
48. Endorses
49. Examines
50. Exclaims
51. Exhibits
52. Explains
53. Expresses
54. Feels
55. Finds
56. Formulates
57. Found out
58. Grants
59. Hypothesizes
60. Illustrates
61. Implies
62. Indicates
63. Insinuates
64. Insists
65. Interprets
66. Introduces
67. Investigates
68. Lists
69. Maintains
70. Mentions
71. Mumbles
72. Notes
73. Objects
74. Observes
75. Offers
76. Opposes
77. Points out
78. Presents
79. Proposes
80. Questions
81. Realizes
82. Reasons
83. Recalls
84. Refers to
85. Reflects
86. Refutes
87. Rejects
88. Remarks
89. Replies
90. Reports
91. Responds
92. Reveals
93. Sees
94. Shows
95. Signifies
96. Speculates
97. States
98. Stresses
99. Studies
100. Suggests
101. Supports
102. Supposes
103. Tells of
104. Theorizes
105. Thinks
106. Uses
107. Utilizes
108. Verifies
109. Writes

Signal Phrases—Ways to Say “He Said...”

1. As cited in his article...
2. Jonson’s answer...
3. To illustrate this point...
4. Given Jonson’s sound premise...
5. In his view...
6. According to Jonson...
7. The most salient point of Jonson’s article...
8. The most important point of Jonson’s article...
9. Jonson continues to add validity to his argument through the example of...
10. An example of this principle in use would be...
11. Jonson illustrates this point with...
12. Another example Jonson gives...
13. Jonson supports his argument...
14. Another point Jonson mentions...
15. The last point Jonson makes...
16. Another detail Jonson gives to support his argument...
17. As the author points out...
18. Jonson goes on further to say...
19. In Jonson’s decision...
20. In Jonson’s eyes...
21. As an example of this point...
22. As Jonson tells us...
23. One such example proposed by Jonson...
24. As an example, Jonson recites an instance of...
25. In support of this point, he cites...
26. Jonson informs the reader...
27. In Jonson’s judgement...
28. To further exemplify his point, the author categorizes...
29. Jonson’s findings show...
30. Jonson’s article elicits...
31. He extends his statement by...
32. As identified by Jonson...
33. As Jonson defines it...
34. The author places specific emphasis on...
35. Jonson directs our attention to...
36. Here Jonson makes specific reference to...
37. The author sums up his point by...