

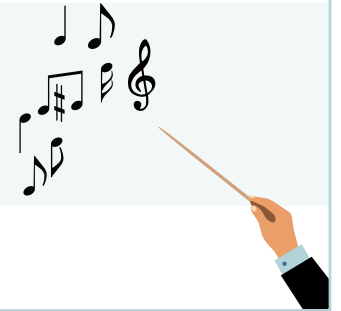
Other Ways to Say It: Common Verbs #1

When you use strong verbs, your writing becomes more descriptive and impactful. Strong verbs are specific and vivid, and they can evoke emotion from your reader. Look at the bolded verb in this example.

❌ Emira **walked** through the door five minutes after choir practice began.

The verb leaves the reader to interpret what the scene actually looks like. To create a more expressive, specific sentence for your reader, consider replacing the verb with something else. Look at these alternatives.

- ✓ Emira **strolled** through the door five minutes after choir practice began.
- ✓ Emira **marched** through the door five minutes after choir practice began.
- ✓ Emira **hurried** through the door five minutes after choir practice began.
- ✓ Emira **stomped** through the door five minutes after choir practice began.
- ✓ Emira **flew** through the door five minutes after choir practice began.



These verbs better express Emira's actions as she arrived late to choir practice.

Directions: Look at the verbs below. Then, write down at least five more descriptive ways to say them. Use reference materials, such as a dictionary or a thesaurus, to help you.

*Be sure to keep this worksheet to add more words as you encounter them in your reading and everyday life! You can refer to these lists the next time you are writing. **Sample answers**

say	jump	make	want
blurt	leap	fabricate	crave
whisper	hop	craft	desire
remark	pounce	cobble together	yearn
declare	bound	assemble	hunger for
exclaim	prance	build	dream of
state	spring	invent	prefer
divulge	sail over	generate	long for