

# Other Ways to Say It: Common Verbs #2

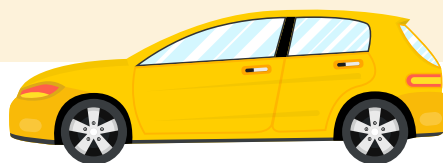
When you use strong verbs, your writing becomes more descriptive and impactful. Strong verbs are specific and vivid, and they can evoke emotion from your reader. Look at the bolded verb in this example.

⊘ Anh jumped over the puddle as she **went** to her car.

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.

- ✓ Anh jumped over the puddle as she **dashed** to her car.
- ✓ Anh jumped over the puddle as she **bolted** to her car.
- ✓ Anh jumped over the puddle as she **sprinted** to her car.
- ✓ Anh jumped over the puddle as she **jogged** to her car.
- ✓ Anh jumped over the puddle as she **raced** to her car.

These verbs better express Anh's actions as she moved to her car.



**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**

see	find	know	take
spot	discover	comprehend	attain
gaze at	realize	realize	snatch
notice	detect	grasp	possess
inspect	locate	perceive	acquire
survey	come across	fathom	grab
glance at	unearth	recognize	seize
witness	identify	get the picture	obtain