

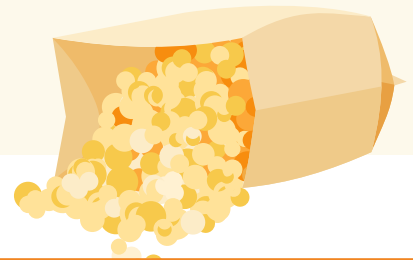
Other Ways to Say It: Common Verbs #3

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.

❌ Kellan **ate** a bag of popcorn.

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.

- ✔ Kellan **consumed** a bag of popcorn.
- ✔ Kellan **devoured** a bag of popcorn.
- ✔ Kellan **finished off** a bag of popcorn.
- ✔ Kellan **snacked on** a bag of popcorn.
- ✔ Kellan **scarfed down** a bag of popcorn.



These verbs better express Kellan's actions as he ate a bag of popcorn.

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**

think	give	need	come
ponder	offer	crave	approach
reflect	donate	demand	appear
imagine	award	desire	show up
believe	deliver	wish	arrive
mull over	hand over	yearn	enter
consider	provide	require	draw closer
speculate	present	covet	materialize