**Strong Verbs**

When describing the ideas of a source you’re using in your writing, avoid using weak verbs such as “said,” “show,” “demonstrate,” and “state.” Practice using a variety of precise verbs that give a clearer picture of your understanding of an author’s purpose, style, and message.

Additional weak verbs to avoid include “to be” verbs: is/are, was/were, be/being/been.

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**Making Recommendations**

- advocate
- encourage
- exhort
- implore
- propose
- recommend
- urge
- warn

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