

Common Verbs or phrases – Verbs with similar or more specific meanings

Like

Adore
Approve
Desire
Appreciate

Oppose

Resist
Contest
Subvert
Transgress

Annoy

Antagonise
Inflame
Aggravate
Provoke

Tell off

Chastise
Rebuke
Admonish
Harangue

Finish

Conclude
Resolve
Finalise
Complete

On the other hand

Conversely
However
Alternatively
In opposition to
Whereas

Synonyms for 'presents'

Shows
Illustrates
Demonstrates
Suggests
Conveys
Implies
Indicates
Signposts
Signals
signifies

Dislike

Despise
Resent
Disapprove
Reject

Double-cross

Betray
Deceive
Undermine
Dupe

Speak well of

Praise
Promote
Extol
Glorify

Start

Initiate
Inaugurate
Stimulate
Inspire

Emphasise

Place weight on
Highlight
Underpin
stress

Persuade

Position
Influence
Manipulate
Sway
Convince
Predispose
Pressure
Lead
Compel

Synonyms for 'presents positively'

Supports
Endorses
Recommends
Advocates
Promotes

Support

Reinforce
Bolster
Consolidate
Endorse

Please

Gratify
Delight
Enchant
Appease

Speak badly about

Besmirch
Belittle
Tarnish
Deride

Continue

Perpetuate
Prolong
Sustain
Preserve

As well

Furthermore
Nonetheless
Additionally
Moreover

Argue

Contend
Posit
Contest
Assert
Maintain
Remonstrate
Demonstrate
Expound
Ponder
Consider
Rebut

Synonyms for 'presents negatively'

Challenges
Criticises
Exposes
Critiques
questions

Common words – More specific words

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Strong

Powerful
Resilient
Domineering
Unyielding

Bad

Immoral
Corrupt
Malevolent
Vindictive

Quiet

Reticent
Introverted
Reserved
taciturn

False

Manipulative
Deceptive
Duplicious
Conniving

Happy

Positive
Joyous
Buoyant
Ecstatic

Generous

Magnanimous
Selfless
Benevolent
Altruistic

Rash

Reckless
Impulsive
Impetuous
Spontaneous

Fearful

Cowardly
Diffident
Timorous
Irresolute

Racist

Bigoted

Weak

Subservient
Passive
Submissive
Gullible

Kind

Compassionate
Sympathetic
Generous
helpful

Loud

Boisterous
Extroverted
Belligerent
Bombastic

Loyal

Committed
Steadfast
Devoted
Dedicated

Sad

Negative
Depressed
Despondent
Melancholy

Smart

Perceptive
Ingenious
Intelligent
Canny

Careful

Circumspect
Cautious
Guarded
Prudent

Thoughtful

Contemplative
Reflective
Meditative
Introspective

Prejudiced

Xenophobic

Good

Honourable
Noble
Virtuous
Admirable

Nasty

Malicious
Heinous
Cruel
Vindictive

True

Honest
Genuine
Trustworthy
Dependable

Disloyal

Traitorous
Treasonous
Faithless
Seditious

Greedy

Avaricious
Self-seeking
Self-indulgent
Acquisitive

Silly

Unwise
Unintelligent
Naïve
Ill-advised

Brave

Courageous
Fearless
Intrepid
Heroic

Practical

Pragmatic
Expedient
Realistic
Hard-headed

discriminatory

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Describing the author's techniques and strategies

Narrative voice
Irony
Atmosphere
Imagery
Satire
Tension
Symbolism
Juxtaposition
Conflict
Characterisation
Counterpoint
Dichotomy
Tone
Mood
Binary oppositions

Tone

Bitter
Flamboyant
Sombre
Fearful
Hushed
Excitable
Wistful
Hopeful
Sarcastic
Outraged
Calm
Bemused
Belligerent
Aggressive
Condescending

Style

Literary
Informative
Plain
Colourful
Simple
Discursive
Colloquial
Chatty
Formal
Informal

Describing character

Powerful
Envious
Self-seeking
Obsequious
Aggressive
Extroverted
Vain
Facetious
Insecure
Introverted
Obedient
Loyal
Manipulative
Reflective
Rebellious
Devoted
Jealous
Shallow
Submissive
Subversive

Words to indicate the writer is in favour of a view or value

Supports
Validates
Affirms
Endorses
Condone
Approves
Legitimises
Authorises
Upholds
Argues for
Advocates
Sanctions

Words to indicate the writer is adopting a neutral position

Examines
Contemplates
Explores
Surveys
Scrutinises
Considers
Investigates
Reflects on

Describing what the author is doing/the effect this generates

Evokes
Explores
Condone
Subverts
Creates
Contrasts
Elicits
Conveys
Suggests
Illustrates
Questions
Intensifies
Implies
Endorses
Challenges
Undermines
Reflects
Reinforces
Condemns
Affirms

Words to indicate the writer is opposed to a view or value

Challenges
Questions
Queries
Critiques
Criticises
Argues against
Condemns
Undermines
Subverts
Exposes
Places pressure on
Contests

