

Verbs Used in APA Style Signal Phrases (adapted from Diana Hacker's *Rules for Writers* 5th ed., p. 408)

Note: *MLA style requires the verb in a signal phrase to be in the simple present tense (says).*

APA style signal phrases consist of the last name (family name) of your source followed by the year of publication in parentheses and a verb which reflects his or her tone, attitude and position

Hatzenbuehler (2000) **claimed that** "...";
Adkison and Leonard (2001) **countered that** "...";
However, Vailas (2002) **insisted that** ... ;
Croker (2003) **feared that**

Signal phrases introduce paraphrases, summaries and direct quotations; here are some examples of verbs you can use in your signal phrases:

acknowledged	compared	illustrated	reported
added	confirmed	implied	responded
admitted	contended	insinuated	retorted
affirmed	countered	insisted	revealed
agreed	counterattacked	labeled	said
answered	declared	mentioned	speculated
argued	defined	noted	stated
asked	denied	observed	suggested
asserted	disputed	pointed out	surmised
attacked	echoed	predicted	told (someone)
believed	emphasized	reasoned	thought
called	endorsed	recognized	warned
claimed	estimated	recommended	wrote
claimed	found	refuted	
commented	granted	rejected	