*101+ Power Verbs*

Accommodate: to make fit, suitable, or congruous: to bring into agreement or concord : RECONCILE: to provide with something desired, needed, or suited (as a helpful service, a loan, or lodgings): to make room for: to hold without crowding or inconvenience: to give consideration to : allow for \*accommodate the special interests of various groups\*ADAPT, CONTAIN

Achieve: to carry out successfully : ACCOMPLISH \*achieve a gradual increase in production\*: to get or attain: REACH \*achieved a high degree of skill\* \*achieved greatness\*: to attain a desired end or aim : become successful: PERFORM

Acquire: to get as one's own: to come into possession or control of often by unspecified means: to come to have as a new or added characteristic, trait, or ability (as by sustained effort or natural selection) \*acquire fluency in French\* \*bacteria that acquire tolerance to antibiotics\*: to locate and hold (a desired object) in a detector \*acquire a target by radar\*

Adapt: to make fit (as for a specific or new use or situation) often by modification: to ADJUST, ACCOMMODATE, CONFORM, RECONCILE. ADAPT implies a modification according to changing circumstances \*adapted themselves to the warmer climate

Affect: to produce an effect upon: to produce a material influence upon or alteration in \*paralysis affected his limbs\*: to act upon (as a person or a person's mind or feelings) so as to effect a response : INFLUENCE

Affirm: VALIDATE, CONFIRM: to state positively: to assert (as a judgment or decree) as valid or confirmed: to express dedication to: to testify or declare by affirmation as distinguished from swearing an oath. Conviction based on evidence, experience, or faith.

Alter: to make different without changing into something else: to become different :CHANGE

Analyze: to study or determine the nature and relationship of the parts of by analysis \*analyze a traffic pattern\* DISSECT, BREAK DOWN

Anticipate: to give advance thought, discussion, or treatment to: to meet (an obligation) before a due date: to foresee and deal with in advance : FORESTALL: to act before (another) often so as to check or counter: to look forward to as certain : EXPECT: FORESEE

Assert: to state or declare positively and often forcefully or aggressively: to demonstrate the existence of : DECLARE, AFFIRM,

Benefits: to be useful or profitable to: to receive benefit

Cease: : to cause to come to an end especially gradually : no longer continue: to come to an end: to bring an activity or action to an end : DISCONTINUE: to become extinct : DIE OUT: STOP

Challenge: to dare, to protest, to provoke, to stimulate, to question

Characterize: to describe the character or quality of \*characterizes him as ambitious\*: to be a characteristic of : DISTINGUISH \*an era characterized by greed\*

Clarify: to free of confusion: to make understandable: to become clear

Coincide: to occupy the same place in space or time: : to correspond in nature, character, or function: to be in accord or agreement : CONCUR: AGREE

Compel: to drive or urge forcefully or irresistibly: to cause to do or occur by overwhelming pressure: to drive together: FORCE

Compliments: to pay a compliment to: to present with a token of esteem

Condemn: to declare to be reprehensible, wrong, or evil usually after weighing evidence and without reservation: to pronounce guilty : CONVICT b : SENTENCE, DOOM: to adjudge unfit for use or consumption: CRITICIZE

Confirm: to give approval to : RATIFY: to make firm or firmer: STRENGTHEN: to give new assurance of the validity of : remove doubt about by authoritative act or indisputable fact: CORROBORATE, SUBSTANTIATE, VERIFY, AUTHENTICATE, VALIDATE

Conform: to give the same shape, outline, or contour to : bring into harmony or accord \*conform furrows to the slope of the land\* : to be similar or identical : to be in agreement or harmony used with to or with: to be obedient or compliant: to act in accordance with prevailing standards or customs: ADAPT

Confront: to face especially in challenge : OPPOSE: to cause to meet : bring face-to-face \*confront a reader with statistics\* b : to meet face-to-face : ENCOUNTER \*confronted the possibility of failure\*

Console: to alleviate the grief, sense of loss, or trouble of : COMFORT \*console a widow\*

Contemplate: to view or consider with continued attention : meditate on: to view as contingent or probable or as an end or intention: to PONDER, MEDITATE

Contradict: to assert the contrary of : take issue with: to imply the opposite or a denial of \*your actions contradict your words\* DENY

Contrast: to set off in contrast : compare or appraise in respect to differences \*contrast European and American manners\* to COMPARE

Contribute: to give or supply in common with others: to play a significant part in bringing about an end or result

Covet: to wish for enviously: to desire what belongs to another

Criticize: to consider the merits and demerits of and judge accordingly : EVALUATE: to find fault with : point out the faults of: REPREHEND, CENSURE, REPROBATE, CONDEMN, DENOUNCE

Declare: to make known formally, officially, or explicitly: to make clear: to make evident : SHOW: to state emphatically : AFFIRM \*declares his innocence\*: to make a full statement of (one's taxable or dutiable property): to announce (as a trump suit) in a card

Defend: to maintain or support in the face of argument, to drive danger or attack away from, to prevent, to contest, to take action against or challenge, to PROTECT, SHIELD, GUARD

Demonstrate: to show clearly: to prove or make clear by reasoning or evidence: to illustrate and explain especially with many examples: to SHOW

Denounce: to pronounce especially publicly to be blameworthy or evil: PROCLAIM: to announce threateningly: to inform against : ACCUSE: CRITICIZE

Depict: to represent by or as if by a picture: DESCRIBE

Desire: to long or hope for : exhibit or feel desire for: to express a wish for : REQUEST: to express a wish to : WISH, WANT, CRAVE, COVET. DESIRE stresses the strength of feeling and often implies strong intention or aim \*desires to start a new life\*

Disclose: to open up: to expose to view: to make known or public \*demands that politicians disclose the sources of their income\*:REVEAL

Displace: to remove from the usual or proper place: to expel or force to flee from home or homeland: to remove from an office, status, or job: to drive out : BANISH: to move physically out of position \*a floating object displaces water\* b : to take the place of (as in a chemical reaction) : REPLACE

Display: to show

Distinguish: to perceive a difference in : mentally separate \*so alike they could not be distinguished\*: to mark as separate or different: to separate into kinds, classes, or categories: to give prominence or distinction to \*distinguished themselves in music\*: CHARACTERIZE: DISCERN \*distinguished a light in the distance\*: to single out : take special notice of

Dominate: RULE, CONTROL: to exert the supreme determining or guiding influence on: to overlook from a superior elevation or command because of superior height or position: to have or exert mastery, control, or preeminence

Elate: to fill with joy or pride

Elevate: to lift up : RAISE : to raise in rank or status : EXALT: to improve morally, intellectually, or culturally: to raise the spirits of : ELATE

Eliminate: to cast out or get rid of, to REMOVE, ERADICATE.

Embody: to give a body to (a spirit) : to make concrete and perceptible: to cause to become a body or part of a body : INCORPORATE: to represent in human or animal form : PERSONIFY \*men who greatly embodied the idealism of American life A. M. Schlesinger b1917\*

Embrace: to clasp in the arms : HUG: CHERISH, LOVE: ENCIRCLE, ENCLOSE: to take up especially readily or gladly \*embrace a cause\*:WELCOME \*embraced the opportunity to study further\*: to take in or include as a part, item, or element of a more inclusive whole \*charity embraces all acts that contribute to human welfare\*ADOPT, INCLUDE

Emerge: to become manifest: to rise from: come out into view: to rise from an obscure or inferior position or condition

Emit: to throw or give off or out (as light) : to send out : EJECT: to issue with authority: to give utterance or voice to \*emitted a groan\*

Encounter: to meet, to engage, to come upon face to face.

Enhance: RAISE: HEIGHTEN, INCREASE: to increase or improve in value, quality, desirability, or attractiveness

Emphasize: to place emphasis on : STRESS \*emphasized the need for reform\*

Enlighten: : ILLUMINATE: to furnish knowledge to : INSTRUCT: to give spiritual insight to

Enrich: : to make rich or richer especially by the addition or increase of some desirable quality or attribute \*the experience will enrich your life\*: to add beauty to : ADORN b : to enhance d : to improve

Evoke: to call forth or up : CONJURE \*evoke evil spirits\*: to cite especially with approval or for support : INVOKE: to bring to mind or recollection \*this place evokes memories\*: to recreate imaginatively

Evolve: EMIT: DERIVE, EDUCE: to produce by natural evolutionary processes: DEVELOP, WORK OUT

Exceed: to extend outside of \*the river will exceed its banks\*: to be greater than or superior to: to go beyond a limit set by \*exceeded his authority\*: OVERDO, SURPASS, TRANSCEND, EXCEL, OUTDO, OUTSTRIP mean to go or be beyond a stated or implied limit, measure, or degree. EXCEED implies going beyond a limit set by authority or established by custom or by prior achievement \*exceed the speed limit\*.

Exclude: to prevent or restrict the entrance of : to bar from participation, consideration, or inclusion: to expel or bar especially from a place or position previously occupied

Exemplify (exemplifies): to show or illustrate by example : to make an attested copy or transcript of (a document) under seal: to be an instance of or serve as an example : EMBODY b : to be typical of

Express: DELINEATE, DEPICT b : to represent in words : STATE c : to give or convey a true impression of : SHOW, REFLECT d : to make known the opinions or feelings of (oneself) e : to give expression to the artistic or creative impulses or abilities of (oneself) f : to represent by a sign or symbol : SYMBOLIZE

Highlight: to center attention on, to ILLUMINATE, something of major importance.

Identify : to cause to be or become identical: to conceive as united (as in spirit, outlook, or principle) \*groups that are identified with conservation\*: to establish the identity of

Illustrate: a : ENLIGHTEN b : to light up : to make illustrious (1) : to make bright (2) : ADORN 3 a : to make clear : CLARIFY b : to make clear by giving or by serving as an example or instance c : to provide with visual features intended to explain or decorate \*illustrate a book\*4 : to show clearly : DEMONSTRATE: to give an example

Imitate: to follow as a pattern, model, or example: to be or appear like : RESEMBLE: to produce a copy of : REPRODUCE: MIMIC, COUNTERFEIT \*can imitate his father's booming voice\*: COPY

Imply: to involve or indicate by inference, association, or necessary consequence rather than by direct statement \*rights imply obligations\*: to contain potentially: to express indirectly \*his silence implied consent\*: SUGGEST

Impress: to produce a vivid impression of : to affect especially forcibly or deeply : INFLUENCE

Influence: the power or capacity of causing an effect in indirect or intangible ways : SWAY: to have an effect on the condition or development of : MODIFY: AFFECT

Indicate: to point out or point to: to be a sign, symptom, or index of \*the high fever indicates a serious condition\*: to demonstrate or suggest the necessity or advisability of \*indicated the need for a new school\*: to state or express briefly \*indicated a desire to cooperate\*

Interact: to act upon or among, to socialize.

Interpret: to explain or tell the meaning of : present in understandable terms: to represent by means of art : bring to realization by performance or direction \*interprets a role\*

Intervene: to occur, fall, or come between points of time or events: to come in or between by way of hindrance or modification \*intervene to stop a fight\*: to interfere usually by force or threat of force in another nation's internal affairs especially to compel or prevent an action: INTERPOSE

Justify: to prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable b (1) : to show to have had a sufficient legal reason (2) : to qualify (oneself)

Maintain: to keep in an existing state (as of repair, efficiency, or validity) : preserve from failure or decline \*maintain machinery\*: to sustain against opposition or danger : uphold and defend \*maintain a position\*: to continue or persevere in : CARRY ON, KEEP UP \*couldn't maintain his composure\*: to support or provide for \*has a family to maintain\* b : SUSTAIN \*enough food to maintain life\*

Modify: to make minor changes in: to make basic or fundamental changes in often to give a new orientation to or to serve a new end \*the wing of a bird is an arm modified for flying\*: to undergo change

Motivate: to cause to move, to drive someone to action, to spur someone on.

Oblige: to constrain by physical, moral, or legal force or by the exigencies of circumstance \*obliged to find a job\* : to put in one's debt by a favor or service \*we are much obliged for your help\*: to do a favor for \*always ready to oblige a friend\*

Obtain: to gain or attain usually by planned action or effort

Oppose: to place opposite or against something: to place over against something so as to provide resistance, counterbalance, or contrast: to offer resistance to: COMBAT, RESIST, WITHSTAND

Participate: to possess some of the attributes of a person, thing, or quality: to take part \*always tried to participate in class discussions\* b : to have a part or share in something: to SHARE

Persecute: to harass in a manner designed to injure, grieve, or afflict. To cause to suffer because of a belief.

Perceive: to attain awareness or understanding of: to regard as being such \*perceived threats\* \*was perceived as a loser\*: to become aware of through the senses: SEE, OBSERVE

Perseverance/Persevere: the action or condition or an instance of persevering : STEADFASTNESS. Persevere: to persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement

Ponder: to weigh in the mind \*pondered their chances of success\*: to think about : reflect on \*pondered the events of the day\*: to think or consider especially quietly, soberly, and deeply

Portray: to make a picture of : DEPICT: to describe in words b : to play the role of : ENACT: to show

Prevent: to keep from happening or existing \*steps to prevent war\*: to hold or keep back : HINDER, STOP

Prohibit: to forbid by authority: to prevent from doing something: PRECLUDE: FORBID

Project: to devise in the mind : DESIGN: to plan, figure, or estimate for the future \*project expenditures for the coming year\*: to throw or cast forward : THRUST: to put or set forth : present for consideration: to attribute (one's own ideas, feelings, or characteristics) to other people or to objects \*a nation is an entity on which one can project many of the worst of one's instincts

Promote: to advance in station, rank, or honor : RAISE: to advance (a student) from one grade to the next higher grade: to contribute to the growth or prosperity of : FURTHER \*promote international understanding\*: to help bring (as an enterprise) into being : LAUNCH:ADVANCE

Rebel: : opposing or taking arms against a government or ruler: DISOBEDIENT, REBELLIOUS

Reconcile: to restore to friendship or harmony \*reconciled the factions\* : SETTLE, RESOLVE \*reconcile differences\*

Reflect: to give back or exhibit as an image, likeness, or outline : MIRROR \*the clouds were reflected in the water\*: to bring or cast as a result \*his attitude reflects little credit on his judgment\*: to make manifest or apparent : SHOW \*the pulse reflects the condition of the heart\*: REALIZE, CONSIDER: to think quietly and calmly b : to express a thought or opinion resulting from reflection

Reinforce: to strengthen or increase by fresh additions \*reinforce our troops\* \*were reinforcing their pitching staff\*: to strengthen by additional assistance, material, or support : make stronger or more pronounced \*reinforce levees\* \*reinforce ideas\* : to encourage (a response) with a reinforcer: to seek or get reinforcements

Render: to transmit to another : DELIVER: GIVE UP, YIELD : to furnish for consideration, approval, or information: as (1) : to hand down (a legal judgment) (2) : to agree on and report (a verdict)(1) : GIVE BACK, RESTORE (2) : REFLECT, ECHO c : to give in acknowledgment of dependence or obligation : PAY: to do (a service) for another: MAKE : IMPART: DEPICT (2) : to give a performance of (3) : to produce a copy or version of \*the documents are rendered in the original French\* (4) : to execute the motions of \*render a salute\*: to direct the execution of : ADMINISTER

Resolve: to cause resolution of (a pathological state): to deal with successfully : clear up \*resolve doubts\* \*resolve a dispute\*: to find an answer to: to make clear or understandable: to find a mathematical solution of : to reach a firm decision about \*resolve to get more sleep\* \*resolve disputed points in a text\*: to work out the resolution of

Restore: GIVE BACK, RETURN: to put or bring back into existence or use : to bring back to or put back into a former or original state : RENEW

Reveal: to make known through divine inspiration: to make (something secret or hidden) publicly or generally known \*reveal a secret\*: to open up to view : DISPLAY \*the uncurtained window revealed a cluttered room\*DISCLOSE, DIVULGE, TELL

Revolutionize: to overthrow the established government: to change fundamentally or completely

Significant/Signifies : the quality of being important : Signify (signifies) - to be a sign of : MEAN: IMPLY: to show

Simulate: to give or assume the appearance or effect of often with the intent to deceive : IMITATE: to make a simulation of (as a physical system)

Stimulate: to excite to activity or growth or to greater activity : ANIMATE, AROUSE: PROVOKE

Strengthen: to make stronger

Surpass: to become better, greater, or stronger than : EXCEED: to go beyond : OVERSTEP: to transcend the reach, capacity, or powers of EXCEED

Sustain: to give support or relief to : to supply with sustenance : NOURISH : KEEP UP, PROLONG: to support the weight of : to carry or withstand (a weight or pressure): to buoy up \*sustained by hope\*: to bear up under: SUFFER, UNDERGO \*sustained heavy losses\* : to support as true, legal, or just: to allow or admit as valid \*the court sustained the motion\* : to support by adequate proof : CONFIRM

Symbolize: to serve as a symbol of: to represent, express, or identify by a symbol

Transcend: : to rise above or go beyond the limits of: to triumph over the negative or restrictive aspects of : OVERCOME: to be prior to, beyond, and above (the universe or material existence): to outstrip or outdo in some attribute, quality, or power: EXCEED

Transform: to change in composition or structure: to change the outward form or appearance of : to change in character or condition

Transmit: : to send or convey from one person or place to another: to cause or allow to spread

Undermine: to wash away supporting material from under: to subvert or weaken insidiously or secretly: WEAKEN

Unify: to make into a unit or a coherent whole : UNITE

Utilize: to make use of : turn to practical use or account

Verify: to confirm or substantiate in law by oath: to establish the truth, accuracy, or reality of: CONFIRM