The following Reporting Verbs are classified according to their function and strength

Function and strength	Example verbs
NEUTRAL: verbs used to say what the writer describes in factual terms, demonstrates, refers to, and discusses, and verbs used to explain his/her methodology.	describe, show, reveal, study, demonstrate, note, point out, indicate, report, observe, state, mention.
TENTATIVE: verbs used to say what the writer suggests or speculates on (without being absolutely certain).	suggest, speculate, intimate, hypothesize, imply, propose, recommend, posit that, question the view that
STRONG: verbs used to say what the writer makes strong arguments and claims for.	argue, claim, emphasize, contend, maintain, assert, theorize, deny, negate, refute, reject, challenge