

Introducing an Author's Ideas: Verbs

Many verbs and verb phrases can be used to introduce an author's ideas, depending on the intention of the author and on your emphasis. The following is a list of commonly used verbs and verb phrases. If you are not sure of their meaning or how to use them, check your dictionary or thesaurus.

acknowledge	disavow	proclaim
admit	disclose	propose
advise	discuss	question
advocate	doubt	reason
affirm	emphasize	recognize
allude to	endorse	recommend
answer	establish	recount
argue	examine	reply
ask	explain	report
assert	explore	remark
assume	expose	reveal
believe	express	say
bring to light	feel	show
caution	find	speak
claim	focus on	state
concede	give credence to	stress
concentrate on	highlight	strive
conclude	identify	suggest
condone	illustrate	support
confess	imply	think
confirm	indicate	uncover
contend	insist	underline
contradict	intimate	underscore
convey	maintain	unveil
convince	note	voice
declare	observe	write
deny	point out	

Here are a few free websites you can use:

www.m-w.com, www.britannica.com, <http://dictionary.cambridge.org>