

# List of Verbs to use in a Graduate School Essay

achieve  
allow  
analyze  
announce  
appeal  
apply  
assemble  
assess  
assist  
balance  
become  
begin  
believe  
belong  
bring  
change  
choose  
clarify  
coach  
combine  
compare  
compose  
conclude  
connect  
constitute  
contain  
contrast  
coordinate  
creates  
decide  
define  
demonstrate  
depend  
design  
develop  
diagnose  
differ  
direct  
discuss  
distinguish  
educate  
elevate  
engage  
ensure  
entail  
envision  
equal  
establish  
evaluate  
excel  
exemplify  
exhibit  
experiment  
explain  
extend  
find  
focus  
form  
give  
help  
identify  
illuminate  
illustrate  
implement  
include  
indicate  
inform  
inspire  
instruct  
intend  
introduce  
invent  
invest  
investigate  
involve  
know

lack  
lead  
learn  
maintain  
make  
manage  
modify  
motivate  
move  
negotiate  
need  
observe  
occur  
offer  
operate  
organize  
perform  
plan  
portray  
prepare  
prevent  
produce  
prohibit  
promote  
provide  
pursue  
realize  
receive  
recognize  
refine  
reflect  
rely  
remain  
remind  
report  
research  
restore  
result  
return  
require  
reveal  
review  
sample  
search  
send  
show  
signal  
specify  
start  
state  
suggest  
support  
survey  
synthesize  
taught  
teach  
tend  
test  
translate  
try  
understand  
use  
validate  
verify  
wish  
work  
write  
wrote

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