

Strong Verbs for Your Mystery



A brainstorming resource to add strong verbs to your manuscript. Lift your manuscript up with power verbs. Help your reader imagine the story.

Absorb	Brief	Commune
Advance	Broadcast	Cower
Advise	Brood	Crackle
Alter	Burst	Crash
Amend	Bus	Crave
Amplify	Bust	Crush
Attack	Capture	Dangle
Balloon	Catch	Dash
Bash	Charge	Demolish
Batter	Chap	Depart
Beam	Chip	Deposit
Beef	Clasp	Detect
Blab	Climb	Deviate
Blast	Clutch	Devour
Bolt	Collide	Direct
Boost	Command	Discern

Discover
Dismantle
Download
Drag
Drain
Drip
Drop
Eavesdrop
Engage
Engulf
Enlarge
Ensnare
Envelop
Erase
Escort
Expand
Explode
Explore
Expose
Extend
Extract
Eyeball
Fight
Fish
Fling
Fly
Frown
Fuse
Garble
Gaze
Glare
Gleam
Glisten
Glitter
Gobble
Govern
Grasp
Gravitate
Grip
Groan
Grope
Growl
Guide
Gush

Hack
Hail
Heighten
Hobble
Hover
Hurry
Ignite
Illuminate
Inspect
Instruct
Intensify
Intertwine
Impart
Jostle
Journey
Lash
Launch
Lead
Leap
Locate
Lurch
Lurk
Magnify
Mimic
Mint
Moan
Modify
Multiply
Muse
Mushroom
Mystify
Notice
Notify
Obtain
Oppress
Order
Paint
Park
Peck
Peek
Peer
Perceive
Picture
Pilot

Pinpoint
Place
Plant
Plop
Pluck
Plunge
Poison
Pop
Position
Power
Prickle
Probe
Prune
Realize
Recite
Recoil
Refashion
Refine
Remove
Report
Retreat
Reveal
Reverberate
Revitalize
Revolutionize
Revolve
Rip
Rise
Ruin
Rush
Rust
Saunter
Scamper
Scan
Scorch
Scrape
Scratch
Scrawl
Seize
Serve
Shatter
Shepherd
Shimmer
Shine

Shock
Shrivel
Sizzle
Skip
Skulk
Slash
Slide
Slink
Slip
Slump
Slurp
Smash
Smite
Snag
Snarl
Sneak
Snowball
Soar
Spam
Sparkle
Sport
Sprinkle
Stare
Starve
Steal
Steer
Storm
Strain
Stretch
Strip
Stroll
Struggle
Stumble
Supercharge
Supersize
Surge
Survey
Swell
Swipe
Swoon
Tail
Tattle
Toddle
Transfigure

Transform
Travel
Treat
Trim
Trip
Trudge
Tussle
Uncover
Unearth
Untangle
Unveil
Usher
Veil
Wail
Weave
Wind
Withdraw
Wreck
Wrench
Wrest
Wrestle
Wring
Yank
Zing
Zap