**Rhetorically Active Verbs**

*from Tracy Duckart’s “Avoiding Oatmeal Verbs”*

**To Be**

abides acts arises betokens betrays coincides comes about comes to pass compares conjures connotes continues denotes discloses divulges emulates endures exhibits exists exposes follows implies indicates inhabits insinuates intimates lives marks mirrors occurs parallels persists portrays proposes reflects remains represents reveals signals signifies submits subsists suggests symbolizes takes place

**To Give**

addresses administers allots asserts awards bequeaths bestows cedes confers consigns conveys declares delivers discloses dispenses divulges emanates endows grants immolates imparts introduces issues lends posits presents proffers proposes submits transmits vouchsafes yields

**To Have**

bears boasts commends delivers dictates elicits embraces espouses evinces exhibits expresses holds includes indulges maintains manifests owns posits possesses provokes retains supports tolerates

**To Say**

adjures advances advises asks asserts barks bawls begs bellows beseeches cajoles cheers chimes chortles chuckles commands complains confides counsels cries crows declares decrees demands describes dictates directs discloses divulges elucidates encourages entreats exclaims exhorts explains giggles gripes groans grouses growls grumbles hails hints hisses howls illustrates implies implores inquires insinuates instructs intimates justifies laments laughs leers lisps mandates mews moans mumbles murmurs muses mutters orders pleads ponders pontificates proclaims pronounces proposes queries rationalizes recommends recounts relates reports requests reveals rules screams shouts sighs sings smiles snarls sneers sobs spits states submits suggests thunders titters wails wheezes whimpers whines whispers wonders yaps yelps

**To Use**

accepts adopts applies consumes conveys delivers depletes draws upon embraces employs engages entails espouses exercises exerts exhausts expends implements invokes places plies presents produces provides resorts sanctions spends summons undergoes wields