REPORTING VERBS

NEUTRAL

- Say
- Declare
- Announce
- Tell
- State
- Mention
- Proclaim
- Reply
- Point
- Inform

EXPLANATORY

- Explain
- Clarify
- Define
- Expound
- Describe
- Illustrate
- Justify
- Demonstrate
- Interpret
- Elucidate

REVELATORY

- Reveal
- Confess
- Admit
- Accept
- Affirm
- Swear
- Agree
- Recognise
- Testify
- Assert

CAUTIOUS

- Think
- Claim
- Allege
- Argue
- Assume
- Feel
- Guess
- Imagine
- Presume
- Suggest

JUDGEMENTAL

- Argue
- Boast
- Contest
- Deny
- Refute
- Dispute
- Defend
- Warn
- Maintain
- Contradict