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acknowledges  critiques  furnishes  perceives  reveals
adds  declares  grants  persists  reviews
admires  deduces  guides  persuades  says
advises  defends  hesitates  phrases  seeks
affirms  defies  highlights  pictures  sees
analyzes  defines  hints  pleads  shares
announces  demands  hypothesizes  pointsout  shifts
answers  demonstrates  identifies  portrays  shows
argues  denies  illustrates  postulates  simplifies
asks  describes  implies  praises  solves
asserts  determines  indicates  proclaims  specifies
assesses  develops  infers  professes  states
assists  diminishes  initiates  pronounces  stipulates
believes  disagrees  interprets  professes  stresses
classifies  distinguishes  proposes  protects  substantiates
challenges  disputes  quảes  protects  substitutes
cautions  discusses  rationalizes  ratifies  summarizes
charges  disregards  reasons  repudiates  supplies
claims  distinguishes  reinforces  resists  supports
clarifies  editorializes  resolves  responds  sympathizes
classifies  emphasizes  substantiates  restates  synthesizes
comments  endorses  judges  reconsiders  tells
communicates  ends  lists  refutes  tests
compares  enumerates  maintains  reevaluates  theorizes
congresses  envisions  marshals  regards  rejects
concludes  establishes  measures  mentions  relates
condemns  evaluates  narrates  nullifies  relies
confirms  exaggerates  negates  objects  reports
confronts  exemplifies  notes  observes  repudiates
confuses  experiences  noties  offers  resolves
considers  experiments  notices  opposes  responds
contends  explains  narrates  presents  represents
continues  exposes  objects  resolves  requires
contradicts  expresses  observes  repudiates  verifies
contrasts  facilitates  offers  resolves  wants
convinces  feels  opposes  responds  warns
counters  finds  outlines  restates  writes
criticizes  formulates  parses  retorts