**Words to Use Instead of ‘shows’ or passive verbs**

Alleges

Affirms

Asserts

Argues

Claims

Clarifies

Constructs

Conveys

Creates

Comments

Declares

Depicts

Demonstrates

Discerns

Elucidates

Embodies

Empowers

Enhances

Exemplifies

Explains

Hints

Implies

Illustrates

Informs the reader/audience

Inspires

Manipulates

Notes

Observes

Paints

Portrays

Predicts

Refutes

Remarks

Repudiates

Reveals

Solidifies

States

Suggests

Sustains

Thinks

Transcends

Transforms

Writes