28   **Box 1.7   A basic lexicon for scientific writing**

Verbs		**Nouns**
accumulate	interest	absence
adapt	invent	activation
affect	investigate	analysis
ask	judge	answer
assay	maintain	appearance
attempt	observe	application
cause	oppose	attempt
cite	pinpoint	background
compare	point to	blank
conclude	propose	cause
confirm	prove	chance
confuse	purport	change
consider	quantify	citation
correlate	quote	clue
decline	record	component
decrease	remain	condition
deduce	repeat	conflict
demonstrate	reproduce	consequence
describe	require	constant
destroy	screen	control
detect	search	curve
deteriorate	shed light on	data
disprove	show	decrease
disturb	solve	difference
document	strengthen	discovery
evidence	suggest	discrepancy
explain	support	distribution
falsify	survive	dose-response
find	test	effect
follow	treat	enigma
illustrate	try	equilibrium
increase	underline	event
indicate	vary	evidence
induce	verify	exclusion
infer	work	experiment

figure
flaw
function
graph
hint
hypothesis
idea
illustration
image
inclusion
increase
incubation
ingredient
input
interaction
level
mechanism
mock
model
mystery
observation
output
panel
paradox
parameter
participant
pathway
performance
period
possibility
prerequisite
presence
process
product
question
ratio
reason
relevance
report

research
result
role
signal
situation
solution
specificity
structure
synthesis
table
target
theory
variable
variation
variety
version
volunteer
work

Adjectives and adverbs

able
active
actually
affected
artificial
associated
aware
capable
certain
closely
consistent
contradictory
correct
dependent
detrimental
essential
exactly
exclusively

external
feasible
frequent
incorrect
internal
inversely
likely
limited
linear
multiple
necessary
noteworthy
particular
pertinent
plausible
poorly
previous
prior
proportional
putative
random
relevant
resistant
robust
severe
significant
similarly
simultaneous
unable
variable