

Scholar Verbs

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Project Management

Adopt	Develop	Help	Leverage	Prioritize
Aim	Direct	Hypothesize	Manage	Propose
Ask	Drive	Include	Modify	Pursue
Attempt	Engineer	Incorporate	Organize	Schedule
Begin	Equip	Initiate	Overcome	Select
Choose	Expect	Involve	Persist	Undertake
Control	Guide	Lead	Plan	Utilize

Conducting Research

Adapt	Collaborate	Divide	Probe	Replicate
Add	Collect	Halt	Program	Research
Adjust	Combine	Handle	Prompt	Reverse
Arrest	Complete	Induce	Propagate	Run
Assay	Conduct	Join	Raise	Simulate
Assist	Conserve	Launch	Reconnect	Stabilize
Avoid	Constrain	Match	Record	Stimulate
Bind	Construct	Monitor	Recreate	Study
Blend	Contain	Note	Reduce	Target
Break	Continue	Observe	Rely	Test
Change	Convert	Perform	Render	Train
Channel	Couple	Prepare	Replace	Trigger

Analysis

Account	Compute	Examine	Isolate	Point
Analyze	Conflate	Explore	Learn	Predict
Assess	Consider	Extract	Link	Quantify
Assign	Contrast	Extrapolate	Localize	Relate
Associate	Correlate	Find	Locate	Resolve
Benchmark	Cross	Focus	Look	Screen
Calculate	Deconstruct	Generalize	Mark	Search
Certify	Detect	Identify	Measure	Trace
Characterize	Determine	Imply	Mediate	Unpack
Classify	Differentiate	Infer	Mimic	Validate
Code	Eliminate	Interpret	Model	Verify
Compare	Estimate	Investigate	Narrow	Vet
Compile	Evaluate			

Outcomes

Arrive	Enhance	Fuse	Mitigate	Strengthen
Attend	Enrich	Generate	Multiply	Succeed
Accomplish	Ensure	Grow	Obtain	Supplant
Achieve	Evolve	Guarantee	Optimize	Supplement
Acquire	Exceed	Harness	Protect	Tackle
Answer	Execute	Improve	Provide	Understand
Attain	Expand	Increase	Reach	Work
Cause	Extend	Indicate	Realize	Yield
Create	Form	Maintain	Restore	
Discover	Fulfill	Make	Result	
Encapsulate	Further	Maximize	Solve	

Creating Knowledge

Address	Challenge	Describe	Integrate	Shed
Advance	Clarify	Distinguish	Prove	Shift
Apply	Confirm	Draw	Recognize	Situate
Argue	Connect	Elucidate	Recover	Suggest
Augment	Contribute	Establish	Redefine	Support
Boost	Define	Expose	Reveal	Theorize
Bridge	Demonstrate	Formalize	Revolutionize	Unfold
Broaden	Denote	Formulate	Satisfy	Unravel

Communicating Research

Communicate	Exhibit	Produce	Respond	Synthesize
Display	Explain	Promote	Revise	Talk
Disseminate	Express	Publish	Rewrite	Transmit
Edit	Inform	Reflect	Show	Write
Emphasize	Present	Represent	Submit	

Broader Impacts

Advise	Enable	Facilitate	Mentor	Recruit
Affect	Encourage	Impact	Motivate	Serve
Build	Engage	Inspire	Participate	Teach
Empower				

