

Action Verbs

Action verbs are the first word you see in the descriptive bullets of a résumé

TECHNICAL

Adapted
Applied
Computed
Designed
Developed
Engineered
Installed
Maintained
Operated
Programmed
Standardized

COMMUNICATING

Arranged
Clarified
Convinced
Established
Demonstrated
Founded
Influenced
Initiated
Introduced
Optimized
Strengthened
Transformed

CREATIVE

Composed
Created
Customized
Established
Fashioned
Founded
Illustrated
Originated
Performed
Shaped

Designed

FINANCIAL

Administrated
Adjusted
Audited
Balanced
Calculated
Estimated
Forecasted
Projected
Reduced

MANAGING

Appointed
Approved
Clarified
Coordinated
Delegated
Directed
Encouraged
Monitored
Executed
Facilitated
Planned
Motivated
Influenced
Initiated
Mentored
Resolved
Trained

RESEARCHING

Analyzed
Collected
Compared
Conducted
Detected
Determined

Formulated

Invented
Measured
Tested

HELPING

Advised
Aided
Assisted
Contributed
Criticized
Demonstrated
Evaluated
Explained
Informed
Instilled
Motivated
Persuaded
Simplified
Supported
Tutored

ORGANIZATIONAL

Accomplished
Achieved
Collaborated
Communicated
Dispatched
Encouraged
Ensured
Facilitated
Generated
Guided
Implemented
Integrated
Prioritized
Revitalized
Targeted

Action Verbs...

- Begin your bullet points with concise and accurate descriptions.
- Help you demonstrate your writing ability with a wide vocabulary range.
- Provide employers with “buzz words” that can directly connect to their job descriptions.

Do's & Don'ts

DO

- Use a variety of verbs
- Be specific
- Describe job accurately

DON'T

- Repeat words
- Use simplistic terms
- Use the incorrect tense

You can find more action verbs and other tools on Optimal Résumé. Optimal Résumé is a free resource for SUNY Oswego students!

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