

Language of Evaluation

You can use the verbs listed below to help you when you are trying to think of how to say something analytical about the way the writer is using word choice or imagery to ‘get something across’ to the reader.

e.g By using the words ‘a glass fang...’ the poet conjures immediately the idea of the drip as a vampire, but instead of sucking out the life of the patient it is putting something in to her body to help her.

The list can be continued with other possibilities.

Verbs	Adverbs
succeeds	clearly
portrays	impressively
illustrates	effectively
reveals	successfully
employs	poignantly
conjures up	cleverly
emphasises	undoubtedly
accentuates	clearly
suggests	immediately
shows	strongly
explains	subtly
expresses	strikingly
conveys	persuasively
evokes	unusually
enhances	evidently
uses	truly
leaves	succinctly
influences	creatively
ensures	skilfully
introduces	unusually
expresses	unquestionably
criticises	aptly
develops	elegantly
expands	essentially
compares	thoughtfully
contrasts	
relates	
tries	
attempts	
highlights	
connotes	
explains	
explores	
provokes	
indicates	
implies	