Young Author’s List of Strong Verbs

This list of 180 strong verbs will help you get started on the road to colorful, dazzling writing. Feel free to add other interesting, vivid verbs you find in books, newspapers, and magazines.

aimed
anticipated
arranged
backpacked
backtracked
ballooned
bamboozled
bandaged
baptized
blasted
blotted
boiled
bolted
botched
bounded
bulldozed
bullied
burped
chastised
chattered
chauffeured
cheapened
cherished
chuckled
clipped
conducted
console
constructed
corked
crawled
crooned
cultivated
decorated
delved
demolished
despised
devoured
diapered
disciplined
dog-paddled
double-checked
doused
drained
dreaded
drooped
dusted
eased
ejected
electrocuted
enfolded
enveloped
erased
evaporated
fired
flattered
flipped
flirted
focused
frenched-braided
frolicked
frosted
glowed
goofed
grated
greased
grilled
groaned
guaranteed
guffawed
gurgled
hammered
harvested
hauling
hiccupped
high-fived
howled
humiliated
iced
irritated
jabbed
jack-knifed
juggled
kara-chopped
leaped
lumbered
luxuriated
magnified
manipulated
meandered
measured
melted
monopolized
mystified
oozed
outwitted
papered
parachuted
pasted
patted
peered
piggybacked
pitter-pattered
plucked
poached
pounded
praised
practiced
raged
ransacked
reassured
recorded
rejoiced
relished
rescued
ripped
rocked
rowed
sabotaged
sanded
sassed
sauntered
scoured
scraped
scratched
scribbled
scrubbed
shaved
shivered
shrieked
shrugged
shuddered
side-stepped
slam-dunked
slimed
slithered
smirked
sneezed
snooped
snoozed
splattered
spliced
splurged
sprinted
squished
stamped
steam
stitched
strained
stretched
strode
stuffed
tangoed
tap-danced
teased
thawed
throttled
thundered
tickled
tip-toed
toasted
trespassed
truck
tucked
twisted
twitched
viewed
vindicated
volunteered
waltzed
weighed
wigged
wiped
wiscracked
withered
wormed
worshiped
wrangled
wrenched
wrinkled
yelped