

Skills and Related Action Verbs

The action verbs you use on your resume and in your professional correspondence will alter the meaning and the effect of the message you are trying to convey. Consider using action verbs such as these as you prepare resumes, letters, e-mails and voicemail scripts. The list below shows verbs that are related to various types of skills.

Management/ Leadership Skills	Communication Skills	Research/ Technical Skills	Financial/ Accounting Skills	Customer Service/Team Skills	Operations/ Project Mgmt Skills	Training Skills	Creative Skills
accomplish	address	analyze	acquire	accelerate	accelerate	adapt	act
administer	advocate	apply	assemble	adjust	accomplish	address	adapt
advise	analyze	assess	administer	advise	achieve	advise	amaze
advocate	arbitrate	attain	allocate	advocate	approve	advocate	anticipate
apply	argue	build	allot	aid	arrange	affect	arrange
appoint	arrange	calculate	analyze	assess	assemble	aid	assemble
approve	articulate	clarify	appraise	assist	assimilate	articulate	author
arbitrate	author	collect	augment	assure	assume	assess	broaden
assign	brief	compile	audit	attend	build	build	build
assume	clarify	compute	balance	attract	catalogue	clarify	compose
assure	collaborate	conduct	budget	clarify	centralize	coach	conceptualize
attain	communicate	construct	calculate	coach	classify	communicate	concern
authorize	consult	define	close	collaborate	collect	condition	construct
build	contact	design	collect	communicate	combine	coordinate	create
chair	convince	detect	compute	compromise	compile	consult	customize
coach	correspond	develop	consolidate	confront	consult	critique	define
conduct	debate	devise	contract	consult	continue	define	design
consolidate	demonstrate	diagnose	control	contribute	coordinate	deliver	develop
consult	describe	discover	correct	convert	correct	demonstrate	devise
coordinate	develop	document	decrease	cooperate	decrease	demystify	direct
critique	direct	effect	determine	correspond	delegate	develop	draft
debate	dissuade	enable	develop	counsel	deliver	educate	energize
delegate	draft	engineer	discover	cultivate	develop	effect	enrich
designate	edit	evaluate	earn	demonstrate	diagnose	enable	establish
determine	enlist	examine	effect	develop	direct	encourage	fabricate
develop	explain	explain	enhance	diagnose	distribute	engage	fashion
direct	familiarize	explore	estimate	elaborate	eliminate	evaluate	find
enlist	formulate	extract	evaluate	empathize	enable	explain	illuminate
ensure	foster	find	finance	enable	ensure	facilitate	implement
evaluate	influence	formulate	forecast	encourage	establish	foster	improvise
execute	inform	gather	gain	enlist	expand	frame	initiate
formalize	interpret	generate	gain	ensure	expedite	guide	instigate
formalize	listen	identify	generate	expedite	enforce	haste	institute
found	market	improve	gross	facilitate	execute	heighten	integrate
hire	mediate	incorporate	increase	familiarize	implement	identify	introduce
implement	moderate	inspect	manage	foster	inspect	inform	invent
improve	motivate	install	market	guide	maintain	instruct	launch
increase	negotiate	interpret	minimize	help	manage	introduce	organize
initiate	perceive	interview	obtain	impact	monitor	illustrate	originate
inspire	persuade	investigate	plan	influence	operate	lecture	perform
lead	present	model	prevent	initiate	organize	model	pioneer
manage	promote	monitor	project	instill	plan	modify	plan
operate	publish	locate	quantify	involved	prepare	persuade	prepare
organize	publicize	observe	realize	mentor	process	present	produce
oversee	reconcile	overhaul	reconcile	moderate	purchase	plan	prompt
pioneer	recruit	program	record	motivate	reorganize	refine	publish
plan	renegotiate	remodel	reduce	nurture	retrieve	reinforce	refine
prioritize	report	repair	reevaluate	overcome	salvage	relate	renovate
produce	research	research	regulate	persuade	schedule	review	reorganize
promote	respond	reveal	renegotiate	provide	screen	revise	revamp
recommend	sell	review	research	reflect	spearhead	shape	revitalize
recruit	simplify	search	restructure	refer	specify	simplify	revolutionize
represent	solicit	solve	revise	represent	standardize	stimulate	shape
solve	speak	survey	save	resolve	systematize	suggest	stage
spearhead	suggest	systematize	secure	sell	tabulate	summarize	start
sponsor	summarize	test	segment	serve	trade	teach	transform