

Verbs with Verve

With your partner, come up with as many alternative, spicy verbs as you can for the following bland verbs.

☐ **Walked....**

As in “They walked to the store.”

Strolled	Trudged	Went
Paced	Traveled	Glided
Wandered	Sauntered	Strutted
Trotted	Ambled	Crept
Hiked	Traipsed	Tiptoed
Plowed	Jogged	Snuck
Plodded	Traversed	Crawled
Trolled	Cantered	Scooted
Moseyed	Dilly-dallied	Shimmied
Hobbled	Paraded	Scampered
Tramped	Pranced	Coasted
Stumbled	Scuttled	Stepped
Waddled	Shuffled	Strode
Swaggered	Limped	Treaded
Marched	Waltzed	Tracked
Meandered	Charged	Trekked
Skipped	Frolicked	Gallivanted
Adventured	Sashayed	

☐ **Eat....**

As in “She loved to eat marshmallows.”

Ingest
Gobbled
Scarfed
Gulped
Wolfed
Munched
Gorged
Dine on
Attacked
Feed
Cram
Noshed
Vacuumed
Shoveled
Feast-upon
Engulf
Consumed
Digested
Chomped
Chewed

Salivated
Masticated
Inhaled
Savaged
Gulped
Gnawed
Devoured
Inhaled
“chubby-
bunnied”
Smashed
Nibbled
Snarfed
Ingest
Engulfed
Demolished
Smashed
Chewed
Ravaged
Intake

Snack-on
Bite
Swallow
Have
Taste
Digest
dine
munched
snacked
swallowed
taste
peck
chow-down
Pig-out-on
Masticate
Feasted
Graze

□ **Said....**

As in “He said, ‘You’ve got to be kidding me!’”

Implied
Proclaimed

Announced

Screamed

Remarked
Returned
Screamed
Shouted
Yelled
Beckoned
Boasted
Stammered
Cried
Responded
Whispered
Screeched
Thought
Assumed
Stated
Whispered
Translated
Noted
Mumbled
Argued
Asserted
Barked
Hissed
Howled
Sneered
Raved
Fussed
Sputtered
Spieled

Verbalized
Communicated
Illustrated
Mentioned
Described
Vocalized
Added
Muttered
Sputtered
Affirmed
Pronounced
Told
Foretold
Exclaimed
Regurgitated
Retorted
Replied
Articulated
Divulged
Addressed
Instructed
Litigated
Exclaimed
Blurted
Spat
Questioned
Suggested
Informed
Declared

Revealed
Peeped
Demanded
Spoke
Doubted
Uttered
Babbled
Murmured
Accounted
Recounted
Recited
Expressed
Provoked
Sang
Antagonized
Pestered
Bothered
Floundered
Flubbed
Ranted
Remarked
Interjected
Exclaimed
Wheezed
Bellowed
Orated

□ **Looked....** As in “We looked at the people in the mall.”

Saw	Gazed	Considered
Peered	Viewed	Gawked
Glared	Sighted	Observed
Stared	Watched	Gaped
Glanced	Scowled	Reviewed
Surveyed	Sought	Stalked
Peeked	Scrutinized	Peeped
Squinted	Witnessed	Examined
Speculated	Spotted	Noticed
Observed	Beheld	Salivated
Wincing	Glared	Took-note-of
Gandered	Eyed	Noted
Perused	Spied	Perused
Examined	Viewed	Visualized
Browsed	Inspected	Envisioned
Hunted	Scoped	Focused
Studied	Perceived	

□ **Read....**

As in “I read the book.”

Studied	Scanned	Deciphered
Browsed	Processed	Decoded

Decrypted

Analyzed

Skimmed

Recited

Analyzed

Interpreted

Dissected

Comprehended

Viewed

Discovered

Unraveled

Construed

Poured-over

Evaluated

Enjoyed

Gobbled

Munched

Consumed

Digested

Chomped

Chewed

Salivated

Masticated

Devoured

Inhaled

Smashed

Nibbled

Engulfed

Demolished

Ravaged

Graze

Feasted

Unraveled

Perused

Translated

Gathered

Inspected

Evaluated

Flipped through

Looked over