



Need strong transitive verbs? Here are 250 eminently suitable actions or tactics for verbalizing characters. Remember:

- The **ACTION** is something the character does every moment of a story. It expresses their essential nature, not something they *want to do* or *used to do*, but something they are always doing to achieve their story goal. A character's Action arises from their Void.
- **TACTICS** are synonyms of the action (and synonyms *of* synonyms), which reveal the character's re-action specific to a situation the story unfolds to achieve their scene goal. For character to cohere, tactics must cohere. Tactics express a character's Grace.

abuse, advance, aggravate, agitate, ambush, analyze, arrange, assist, astonish, attack, avenge, baffle, beat, bestow, betray, bewitch, bind, blackmail, block, boost, botch, break, build, bully, burn, bury, calm, capture, challenge, champion, charge, charm, chase, check, chill, claim, comfort, command, conceal, condemn, confront, confuse, control, convince, correct, corrupt, cover, covet, crave, create, cripple, criticize, crush, curse, dare, deceive, decipher, defend, defy, delight, deliver, demolish, destroy, direct, discipline, discourage, discredit, disgrace, disguise, disparage, disrupt, distort, disturb, doctor, dominate, dose, drain, draw, drive, eclipse, elevate, embarrass, embellish, embrace, enchant, encourage, encrypt, endorse, energize, enhance, eradicate, establish, exacerbate, exhaust, exploit, explore, expose, favor, finesse, fix, flatter, force, fortify, foster, frame, free, furnish, galvanize, gamble, gratify, groom, guard, guide, hack, handle, harass, harm, harness, harvest, heal, help, hide, hijack, hoard, honor, hunt, hurt, hype, impair, impede, implant, improve, injure, inspire, insult, invent, investigate, irk, irritate, jeopardize, jinx, join, kill, lead, liberate, maintain, manage, manipulate, mask, master, mend, minimize, muscle, nag, negotiate, nurture, obey, obscure, obstruct, offer, oppose, order, organize, outsmart, pacify, paralyze, perfect, persuade, poison, praise, preserve, prioritize, promote, protect, provoke, pull, punish, purify, push, question, ransack, recover, redeem, refine, remedy, relieve, repair, rescue, resist, restore, restrain, retain, reveal, ridicule, risk, ruin, rule, sabotage, savage, save, scar, scrutinize, secure, seduce, seek, seize, separate, shame, shelter, shield, smash, solve, soothe, split, spoil, spur, stalk, steady, steal, stifle, stimulate, strike, subdue, subvert, support, swindle, tackle, tame, teach, tempt, terrorize, torment, train, transform, trick, trigger, troubleshoot, uncover, undermine, unite, unleash, upgrade, upset, usurp, vanquish, vindicate, vex, violate, warp, weaken, welcome, wield, withhold, worry, wound, wreck, wrong

(Don't forget: antonyms create chemistry!)

