In the genre analysis of my final paper, I looked at the verbs that appeared   
in the sentences with a citation. Of the 20 verbs used, the most commonly used verb was *find*, which appeared in nine sentences. Among those nine, the most common collocation was *found that*, which was used four times. The second most common verb was *note*, which appeared three times. Passive voice was used three times (e.g., *was reported*). Several other verbs were used only once: *obtain*, *establish*, *conclude*, and *report*.

I discovered that I had used *find* nearly 50% of the time, so I revised …

obtained,

was reported

established that

concluded that

have been identified

have been found to correlate with

noted x 3

have found

found that, x 4

found x 3

examined x 2

explained that

Of a total of 10 sentences, four began with   
prepositional phrases. Those four phrases included two related to time and two   
related to other things: