The Ultimate List of Acting Verbs (Tactics)

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A
abase
abet
abolish
absolve
abuse
accept
acquaint
acquit
addle
address
admonish
affirm
afflict
affront
aid
ail
alarm
alert
allow
allure
amaze
amend
amuse
anger
antagonize
anticipate
ape
appeal
approach
arouse
arrange
assess
assist
astound
attack
authenticate

B
baby
badger
baffle
bait
bear
beckon
befuddle
beg
beguile
belittle
berate
beseech
bewitch
bid
blame
bless
bluff
boost
brainwash
bribe
buck
bushwhack

C
cajole
calculate
call
catch
cautions
cease
challenge
charge
charm
chastise
cheat
check
cheer
chide
clarify
cloak
coax
coddle
coerce
collude
command
commend
con
conceal
concern
conciliate
condemn
condescend
confide
confirm
confound
confuse
consider
consign
contest
convince
correct
corroborate
court
cover
criticize
crucify
crush
curse
defame
defraud
defy
delight
delude
demean
denigrate
deny
detect
deter
devastate
dictate
direct
disconcert
discourage
discredit
disencumber
disgrace
disguise
dishearten
dispirit
displease
dissuade
distress
divert
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dodge
dominate
dramatize
draw
duck

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