Alternatives to "Says"

Then adding a quotation to your work, it is easy to use the word "says" as the introduction to the speaker's/writer's words. For example, Mr. Magoo says, "There is no other time to laugh but now!" Academic writing, however, often uses substitutes for the word "says" to introduce a quotation. For example, Mr. Magoo maintains that "There is no other time to laugh but now!" Here are some other examples (in alphabetical order):

argues

asserts

concludes

contends

discusses

emphasizes

examines

explores

focuses on

has determined that

highlights the fact that

maintains

mentions

notes

points out that

reports

states

suggests

