

QUOTING

Quotes are generally sections of passages taken word-for-word. Make sure to provide a parenthetical citation when you take something word-for-word.

EXAMPLE

(Original Text)

"In fact, it is not possible to observe without, to some degree, participating" (Paley 44).

(Quoted Text)

On the topic of research, Karen Paley, a composition theorist, states, "In fact, it is not possible to observe without, to some degree, participating" (44).

Note: Use the context of the quote + Signal Phrase + Quote + Parenthetical Citation

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

1. An ellipsis mark (...) will inform the reader that more of the sentence was present, yet the author decided to remove portions of the quote.

EX.

"Jan wasn't the only Brady with problems. Marcia had problems, Carol had problems... Alice had problems (even though she wasn't a Brady)" ("The Bunch" 31).

2. Brackets are used when you interject your own words into a direct quote.

EX.

"Running [which very rewarding to the mind] is a viable aerobic exercise" (Appleton 28).

3. When you separate a quote into two pieces, use the same citation at the end of the last part of the quotation.

EX.

One horticulturalist, states "Humans need to grow more of their own food," claiming that self-sustainability is an issue at home and abroad, while suggesting that "We can't feed the world out of a few farms" (Weiseman 44).

4. Longer quotes (especially block quotes - over 40 words or four lines of type) should contain commentary beginning and immediately following the quote. Usually a block quote is indented.

EX.

Viruses and bacteria can become deadly. Dr. Sanjay Patel, a researcher with the Centers for Disease Control, comments:

Man has eradicated many common infectious diseases, particularly those deemed to be non-fatal. However, in recent years, we have noticed many common infections becoming resistant to common anti-bacterial and anti-viral agents. In addition, they have mutated into deadly strains. Can you imagine something like the common cold becoming deadly? Or, perhaps, could you imagine an airborne version of the rabies infection which affects humans? The whole thing reminds me of one of those zombie or post-apocalypse films from the 1980's and early double 0's. (Patel 44)

Patel's anxiety is noted and can be easily validated.

Note: Notice how the introductory clauses use colons before the quote. Also, notice placement of the period before the source. Finally, it is highly recommended to interject a bit of summary or commentary immediately following the block quote.