In Text Citations and Introducing Quotes – Basic Guide

When you copy someone else’s exact words, it is a direct quotation. You must put the words in quotation marks and cite the source. There are many ways to do this.

**How to cite for 1 book that has the title and author clearly identified in the paragraph.**

**“quote goes here within quotation marks” (page#) punctuation**

**“You don’t even have to understand the desert: all you have to do is contemplate a simple grain of sand, and you will see in it the marvels of creation” (127).**

**Use single quotation marks when quoting dialogue inside a quote.**

“ **‘Harry, make a note,’** Mr. Marshal says with a rumbly sigh” (42).

**To introduce a quote - utilize a phrase and then insert the quote:**

**For example**, “insert quote here” (page #) punctuation

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**However,** “insert quote here” (page #) punctuation

**As shown by,** “insert quote here” (page #) punctuation

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**Explain your quote with a sentence starters such as (mix and match words):**

 This **realization shows…**

 This **reaction demonstrates…**

 This **thought illustrates…**

 This **dialogue reflects…**