

## Source Integration: Direct Quotes, Blended Quotes, and Paraphrased Ideas

### Direct Quotes

A direct quote is a word-for-word quote from another source.

- Example: "This film offers a romanticized vision of the North American wilderness in which animals coexist harmoniously, without fear of predation or interspecies competition" (Plummer 42).

How should I document a direct quote in my writing?

1. Introduce a direct quote with a signal phrase such as "           (*author's name*) argues/ observes/ notes/ acknowledges," or "According to            (*author's name*)."  
Don't merely stick the quote in your paper. Use an introductory phrase like those above to signal to your reader that you're about to give a quote.



2. Place quotation marks around the direct quote.
3. Finally, place a parenthetical citation, footnote, or endnote (depending upon which style guide you are using) after the quote.

- For MLA: According to Ann Plummer, "This film offers a romanticized vision of the North American wilderness in which animals coexist harmoniously, without fear of predation or interspecies competition" (42).
- For APA: According to Ann Plummer, "This film offers a romanticized vision of the North American wilderness in which animals coexist harmoniously, without fear of predation or interspecies competition" (2011, p. 42).
- For Chicago: According to Ann Plummer, "This film offers a romanticized vision of the North American wilderness in which animals coexist harmoniously, without fear of predation or interspecies competition."<sup>1</sup>

Please visit the following links for more information regarding these style guides:

- [Modern Language Association \(MLA\) Style Guide](#)
- [American Psychology Association \(APA\) Style Guide](#)
- [Chicago Style Guide](#)
- [General Information on Style Guides for Various Disciplines](#)

### Blended Quotes

A blended quote is a small chunk of a word-for-word quote (usually just a word or phrase) that is blended in with the writer's own words.

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- Example: According to Ann Plummer, the filmmakers created an idyllic forest backdrop “in which animals coexist harmoniously, without fear of predation or interspecies competition” (42).

How should I document a blended quote?

1. Place quotation marks around the quoted chunk.
2. Place a parenthetical citation, footnote, or endnote after the quoted chunk.

### **Paraphrased Ideas**

A paraphrased idea is NOT a word-for-word quote. It is a restatement of a source’s idea in your words.

- Original Quote: “The film offers a romanticized vision of the North American wilderness in which animals coexist harmoniously, without fear of predation or interspecies competition” (Plummer 42).
- Paraphrased Idea: Absent from the film are natural threats to the animals’ existence such as predators, disease, and starvation (Plummer 42).

Notice that the writer has preserved the basic idea of the original quote. The wording has been changed, but the idea has not. You should also notice that the writer changed the original quote’s entire sentence structure, not simply a word or phrase. To correctly paraphrase a quote, you must completely change the original quote’s wording, as this writer has done.

How should I document a paraphrased idea?

1. Do not put quotation marks around a paraphrased idea.
2. You must still put a parenthetical citation, endnote, or footnote after the paraphrased material. Even though you have changed the quote’s wording, you’re still borrowing the quote’s idea, so it must be cited or noted.