Citing and Quoting

Citations: Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
citation	a quotation from or reference to a book, paper, or author	This argument is difficult to accept because there are no citations.
cite	To quote a text.	It's a poor argument because it doesn't cite any sources.
source	The book, paper, or author from which you get your information and citation	A good essay is going to use a lot of sources: books, web sites, newspapers, and interviews.
paraphrase	To put things into your own words	If you paraphrase, it's still plagiarism if you don't include your source.
quote	To copy a text word for word	It's an exact quote, but she didn't use quotation marks, so it's plagiarism.

Blending Quotes into My Own Words

When using quotes from a source, you can't just put the whole quote as a sentence. You have to blend it in with your own words.

Quote	Blending with Own Words
“This is very difficult and tricky to master.”	Mr. Scott points out that quoting a source is “very difficult and tricky to master.”

Vocabulary: Blending Quotes

Use these words to introduce your quotes and blend them with your own words.

Word	Definition	Example (From Rohrschach text)
point out	Direct reader's attention to something.	
suggests	Put forward for consideration.	
contends	To make a claim about something.	

argues	To make a claim about something.	

Charlie Gordon misspells words that are basic and most people can spell in first grade. For example, instead of spelling it “write,” Charlie spells it “rite” (310). It is a word that can be confused with “right,” but teachers drill it in your head. No one should confuse these two. In addition, he spells “should” as “shud” (310) (2 CMs and CS)

Charlie Gordon misspells some words so badly that they're difficult to read.