Citing and Quoting

Citations: Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
citation	a quotation from or reference to a book, paper, or author	***I don't trust this author. He doesn't use any 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	This essay uses ten sources, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a newspaper, and three web sites.
paraphrase	To put things into your own words	If you paraphrase but don't give a source, it's plagiarism.
quote	To write something exactly as it was in the original text.	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.	Hermann Rohrschach “developed the inkblots” used in a test to “determine a person's personality” (54).
suggests	Put forward for consideration.	The author suggests that the Rohrschach test is “inherently problematic” (56).
contends	To make a claim about something.	
argues	To make a claim about something.	

Charlie Gordon is such a bad speller that he couldn't spell simple words. For example, he spells “every” “evrey” (310). This is a word that many people can spell in kindergarten. He sounds it out correctly, but in this case, he spells it wrong. In addition, he writes “scool” instead of “school” (311). A lot of people can spell this before they go to school. (1 more CM)

Charlie Gordon is such a bad speller that some words are difficult to read.