

Introducing Quotations and Paraphrases

Why should I introduce a quotation?



- So the quote doesn't stand alone
- It introduces someone else's ideas
- It can also introduce the author



How do I introduce a quotation?

1. Write a complete sentence followed by a colon then the quote
2. Start a sentence with one's own words then add the quote
3. Use an introductory phrase followed by a comma (except after the word "that"), then add the quote

Examples:

1. Texting while driving is dangerous: "10 percent of all teen motor vehicle crash fatalities in 2016 involved distracted driving" (Snyder).
2. Torvald called Nora his "squirrel" and "spendthrift" (Ibsen 883).
3. According to Johnson, "A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out" (22).

Verbs for Introducing Quotes and Paraphrases:

Neutral in meaning	Indicates author's position on an issue	Indicates what the author's thinking	Indicates that the author is showing something	Indicates that an author is proving something	Indicates what the author did
according to	argue	assume	demonstrate	confirm	analyze
acknowledge	claim	consider	illustrate	establish	estimate
describe	suggest	hypothesize	explain	prove	evaluate
point out	emphasize	recognize	present	validate	study
discuss	assert	believe	indicate	verify	find

Note on example #3:
If you put the author's last name in the attribution, it doesn't have to go in the in-text citation!