

Parenthetical Citations

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For a research paper, in addition to creating a Works Cited page to document your sources, you must also say exactly WHAT information you took from that source and WHERE it was found within that source. The best way to do this is by inserting a brief Parenthetical Citation whenever you use this source's WORDS, FACTS, or IDEAS. Usually, you list (in parentheses) the author's last name and the page number(s) where you found the information.

PARAPHRASED MATERIAL IS INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM A SOURCE AND PUT INTO THE WRITER'S OWN WORDS.

- ☑ List the author's last name and page number in parentheses.
 - Ex: The population of bald eagles in the United States has risen slightly over the past ten years (Grayson 49).

- ☑ If you already have the author's name in the sentence, just include the page number.
 - Ex: Smith states that the rainforest is being cut down at a rate that is highly unsustainable (77).

- ☑ If no author is listed, use the title and page number. If the title is long, only use the first word or two.
 - Ex: The ancient Egyptians harnessed wind energy to power their ships ("History" 39).

- ☑ If no page number is given, just list the author.
 - Ex: The air speed velocity of an unladen swallow is about ten meters per second (O'Leary).

- ☑ If no author or page number is listed, just use the title.
 - Ex: There are 5,280 feet in one mile ("Just the Facts").

DIRECT QUOTATIONS CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS TAKEN DIRECTLY, WORD-FOR-WORD, FROM A SOURCE AND USED IN ANOTHER PAPER.

- ☑ Cite direct quotations the same way you would cite paraphrased material.
 - Ex: The Rusty Crayfish is considered to be an "exotic, aggressive, tolerant species" (Garry 64).

**** IMPORTANT! ****

- ☑ Parenthetical Citations **ALWAYS** refer back to the Works Cited page!
- ☑ Parenthetical Citations put the period for the sentence **AFTER** the parentheses!
- ☑ **Direct Quote:** Insert the parenthetical citation immediately after a direct quote!
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- ☑ Immediately cite a source as soon as you find useful information from it.
- ☑ You may only use **3 Direct Quotes** in your paper.
- ☑ Every paragraph **MUST** have at least **ONE** parenthetical citation.