Introducing a Sample Quote: Sample Sentences (MLA)

Sample Sentences with MLA Style Citations

The MLA requires that you cite your sources for paraphrases and direct quotes. For more information on MLA format, refer to the MLA Style General Guidelines.

The words in *ital* are examples of words that are commonly used to introduce a quote. Pay attention to the structure of the introduction or the quote/idea, and to the punctuation of both the introduction and conclusion of the thought.

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- **As the author *notes*,** "In an ideal classroom, both gifted children and learning disabled children should feel challenged" (Redding 12). ← **Who, Where?**
- **Burdow *believes*** that being able to write using proper English grammar is an important skill (72).

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- **Dr. Patel *observes*** that "most people tend to respond well to hypnotherapy" (618). ← **Only page**
- We see this self doubt again in the second scene, when **Agatha *comments*,** "Oh, times like this I just don't know whether I am right or wrong, good or bad" (Lester 47). ← **comma**
- **Goeff then *relates*** that his childhood was "the time he learned to live on less than bread alone" (15). ← **No comma**
- **The author *declares*,** "All people, rich or poor, should pay the same taxes to the government" (Burdine 341).
- **Godfried *remarks*,** "Ignorance is a skill learned by many of the greatest fools" (123).
- **The article *discusses*** the qualities of a good American housewife in the 1950s (Kelser 87).
- After the war is over, **the General *reports* that** "It seemed a useless battle to fight even from the start" (Naudine 57).
- **Danelli *explains*,** "All mammals have hair" (90).
- **The author *reveals*** his true feelings with his ironic remark that we should "just resort to cannibalism to defeat world hunger" (Frederick 46).
- Despite criticism, **Johnston *agrees*** that smoking should be banned in all public places (67).
- **The author *argues*** that "subjecting non-smokers to toxic second-hand smoke is not only unfair, but a violation of their right to a safe environment" (Johnston 214).
- **Vick *asserts*** that "cigarette smoke is unpleasant, and dangerous" (350).