

In-text Citations and Avoiding Plagiarism

- One of the main focuses of APA style is on citing properly.
- Anytime something you read, watch, or listen to influences what you write, you must provide a citation indicating where the idea originated.
- If you don't give this credit, you are committing plagiarism. Plagiarism can require disciplinary action.
- Citing properly in APA can feel like you're citing all the time. This is normal and a sign you're probably doing it correctly.

	Quote	Paraphrase	Summary
What is it?	Identical to text. Use quotation marks!	Putting a quote into your own words.	Putting main ideas into your own words.
Length	Specific	Specific	Broad
Citation	Attribute to author, include page number	Attribute to author. Page number recommended	Attribute to author
Example	Author (1999) said, "Quote quote quote" (p.122). Or "Quote quote quote"(Author, 1999, p.122)	Author (1999) said some stuff and now I am saying it too but also tying it to my main ideas (p.122).	I agreed with the points Author (1999) made throughout the entire article, specifically those that helped me illustrate my point.

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