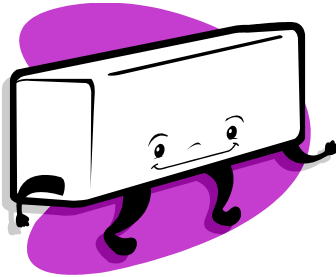


# How to Use Quotes

Quotations are an essential part of many college papers and, when used correctly, add a great amount of support to your argument.



Eraser Eric really needs to use a quotation for his Sports History essay on Joe Flacco. Let's help him out!

This is the quote he's trying to use: *...I assume everybody thinks they're a top-five quarterback. I mean, I think I'm the best. I don't think I'm top five, I think I'm the best...*

## Step 1.) Introduce the Quote

**Before** you write the quote, **introduce** the speaker and state **why** their quote matters. Even if the person you are quoting is famous, your reader may not know who they are.

**Example:** Joe Flacco, the star quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens, always shows confidence in his abilities.

In this example I:

- **Introduced** the speaker (Joe Flacco)
- Stated **why** his quote is important (He is a star football player.)
- Gave a **reason** for the quote (I need to show that Joe has confidence and will use my quote to do it!)

## Step 2.) The Quote

After introducing the quote, it's time to state the speaker's exact words. The quote can be its own sentence or a part of your own sentence. Remember to put **1 pair** of quotation marks (“ ”) only around the speaker's *exact* words.

**Example:** Joe Flacco, the star quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens, always shows confidence in his abilities. He proudly stated “I don't think I'm top five, I think I'm the best” when a reporter asked him about his ranking (Hensley 5).

In this example I:

- Put quotation marks only around the speaker's words
- Used the quote inside my own sentence
- Put my source and a page number at the end in parentheses
- Used **only one** period at the end of the sentence

### Step 3.) Analysis

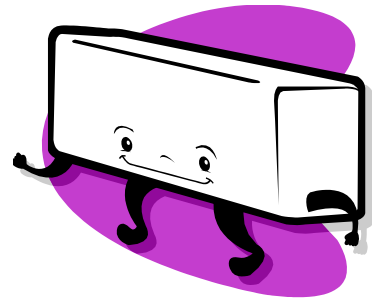
Now that we have introduced the quote and written it in our essay, it's time to analyze it. This is a good time to explain the quote and add anything else you want to say about it.

**Example:** Joe Flacco, the star quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens, always shows confidence in his abilities. He proudly stated “I don’t think I’m top five, I think I’m the best” when a reporter asked him about his ranking (Hensley 5). Flacco is not shy about expressing his feelings and instead of settling for being one of the best, he believes that he is the best quarterback in the league.

In this example I:

- Explained what my quote meant
- Used the quote to prove my argument

And that’s how you successfully use a quote! Eraser Eric says “Thank You” to all those that helped him use this quote!



### Practice

Try to use this quote from Jim, a miner who has looked for gold for the last 25 years, to prove that people should stop digging on Oak Island: *...If there was any treasure to be found, someone would have found it by now...*

This quote appears on page 3 of an article by Albert Pumpnickel.

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