

## MURPHY BI-WEEKLY WRITING TIP

Dear Murphy Institute Students,

Months ago, I sent out a tip on how to effectively paraphrase information you want to include in your paper. I hope that has helped many of you write (and cite!) the ideas of others in your own words. But—what if you want to *quote* someone, using *their* exact words? Although many of us may believe quoting is straightforward, it is still worth to ask: am I quoting effectively?

This tip will review different ways to *lead into* (introduce) a quote!

### *Quoting*

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*Quoting is when you take the exact words of someone else and enclose them in quotation marks*  
*For example: The author describes the “paradigm shifting discovery” of the scientist (Park 14).*

Remember! In your papers, the whole sentence **cannot** be a quote:

**“The environment impacts how children develop their sense of justice” (Gregor, 2014, p. 113).**

You will need to *lead into* your quotes. Here are **three** ways to do so:

1. Set the quote up with **a few words that identify the author** (or who said it)  
*Gregor (2014) states that “the environment impacts how children develop their sense of justice” (p. 113).*
2. Set the quote up with **a sentence that introduces the quote**, followed by a colon (:)  
*Gregor (2014) points out the importance of considering a child’s environment when analyzing them: “the environment impacts how children develop their sense of justice” (p. 113).*
3. Use **only the key words** or phrases from the quote in your sentence  
*Gregor (2014) points out how significant of a role “the environment” has on children as they “develop their sense of justice” (p. 113).*

**If you have questions or want to put this into practice, feel free to contact me! 😊**

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I look forward to working with you soon!

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