

USING TAGS IN DIRECT QUOTATIONS

Direct Quotations	These are phrases, sentences, or paragraphs that are copied word for word from someone else’s writing. When using direct quotations, enclose the words in quotation marks and incorporate the quote into your text. Be sure to provide the source information.
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When using the author’s original words, we can give credit to the author by using a **tag** or **signal phrase**. The **tag** may be placed at the beginning, middle, or end of the quotation.

Correct use of Signal Phrases and Tags:

A tag such as <i>states</i> often <u>introduces</u> the quotation and is followed by a comma.	Example: In his short story, “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County,” Mark Twain states , “He never smiled, he never frowned, he never changed his voice” (5).
If the tag <u>interrupts</u> a passage, set it apart by commas.	Example: “All through the interminable narrative,” continues Twain , “there ran a vein of impressive earnestness” (6).
If the tag <u>appears at the end</u> , use a comma to set it apart from the quotation.	Example: “I let him go on in his own way and never interrupted him once,” concludes Twain (6).

***Caution:** Below is an expanded list of **tags** but not all carry the same meaning. Be sure to only use those you are already familiar with or those with definitions you have already examined.

A List of Tags

acknowledges	connotes	evokes	introduces	reports
addresses	considers	examines	investigates	represents
adds	constructs	exaggerates	juxtaposes	responds
admits	contends	exemplifies	lists	reveals
advises	conveys	expands	makes the case	reviews
affects	critiques	explains	manifests	says
agrees	criticizes	explicates	measures	shows
alludes to	declares	explores	narrates	signifies
analyzes	defines	exposes	notes	states
answers	delineates	expounds on	observes	stipulates
argues	demonstrates	foreshadows	persuades	stresses
asks	denies	foretells	points out	suggests
asserts	denotes	furnishes	portrays	summarizes
assesses	depicts	finds	postulates	supports
believes	describes	grants	presents	surveys
builds	determines	highlights	proposes	symbolizes
categorizes	discovers	hints	proves	synthesizes
cites	displays	identifies	questions	tells
claims	disputes	illustrates	rationalizes	thinks
clarifies	emphasizes	impacts	refers to	traces
comments	encourages	implies	refutes	typifies
compares	endorses	indicates	rejects	views
concludes	envisions	informs	remarks	warns
concur	establishes	inquires	replies	writes
confirms	evaluates	insists		