ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Citing sources

Difficulty level: Advanced

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you show readers where your facts came from in an essay or report. A citation lets them check your facts for themselves, and it gives you credit for honest research instead of looking like you made it up. It is a basic expectation in school and in any serious writing, and it protects you from being accused of passing off someone else's work as your own.



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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Cite this fact in a sentence: Bees pollinate flowers. Source: Green, 2020, page 12.

SOLUTION

State the fact in your own words.

Add the source in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

So: Bees pollinate flowers (Green, 2020, p. 12).

EXAMPLE 2

Q Cite this quote in a sentence: 'The sea was calm.' Source: Lee, 2019, page 5.

SOLUTION

Put the exact words in quotation marks.

Add the source in parentheses after the quote.

So: 'The sea was calm' (Lee, 2019, p. 5).

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Practice questions

1 Cite: Trees clean the air. Source: Patel, 2021, page 8

A. Trees clean the air (Patel, 2020, p. 8).

B. Trees clean the air (Patel, 2021, p. 9).

C. Trees clean the air (Patel, 2021, p. 8).

D. 'Trees clean the air' (Patel, 2021, p. 8).

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2 Cite: 'Reading builds vocabulary.' Source: Khan, 2018, page 3

A Reading builds vocabulary (Khan, 2018, p. 3).

B 'Reading builds vocabulary' (Khan, 2018, p. 3).

C 'Reading builds vocabulary' (Khan, 2019, p. 3).

D 'Reading builds vocabulary' (Khan, 2018, p. 4).

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Cite: Recycling saves trees. Source: Moore, 2022, page 20

A 'Recycling saves trees' (Moore, 2022, p. 20).

B Recycling saves trees (Moore, 2021, p. 20).

C Recycling saves trees (Moore, 2022, p. 21).

D Recycling saves trees (Moore, 2022, p. 20).

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4 Cite: 'Sleep improves memory.' Source: Reed, 2020, page 11

A 'Sleep improves memory' (Reed, 2020, p. 11).

B Sleep improves memory (Reed, 2020, p. 11).

C 'Sleep improves memory' (Reed, 2021, p. 11).

D 'Sleep improves memory' (Reed, 2020, p. 12).

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5 Cite: Exercise strengthens the heart. Source: Diaz, 2019, page 7

A Exercise strengthens the heart (Diaz, 2018, p. 7).

B 'Exercise strengthens the heart' (Diaz, 2019, p. 7).

C Exercise strengthens the heart (Diaz, 2019, p. 7).

D Exercise strengthens the heart (Diaz, 2019, p. 8).

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6 Cite: 'Water covers most of Earth.' Source: Cole, 2021, page 4

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B. 'Water covers most of Earth' (Cole, 2021, p. 4).

C. 'Water covers most of Earth' (Cole, 2020, p. 4).

D. 'Water covers most of Earth' (Cole, 2021, p. 5).

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7 Cite: Bees make honey. Source: Fox, 2023, page 9

A. 'Bees make honey' (Fox, 2023, p. 9).

B. Bees make honey (Fox, 2022, p. 9).

C. Bees make honey (Fox, 2023, p. 10).

D. Bees make honey (Fox, 2023, p. 9).

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8 Cite: 'Practice improves skill.' Source: Ford, 2017, page 9

A 'Practice improves skill' (Ford, 2017, p. 9).

B Practice improves skill (Ford, 2017, p. 9).

C 'Practice improves skill' (Ford, 2018, p. 9).

D 'Practice improves skill' (Ford, 2017, p. 10).

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Cite: Libraries lend books. Source: Hall, 2023, page 2

A Libraries lend books (Hall, 2022, p. 2).

B Libraries lend books (Hall, 2023, p. 2).

C 'Libraries lend books' (Hall, 2023, p. 2).

D Libraries lend books (Hall, 2023, p. 3).

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Cite: 'Healthy food gives energy.' Source: Young, 2022, page 15

A Healthy food gives energy (Young, 2022, p. 15).

B 'Healthy food gives energy' (Young, 2021, p. 15).

C 'Healthy food gives energy' (Young, 2022, p. 15).

D 'Healthy food gives energy' (Young, 2022, p. 14).

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ANSWER KEY

1. Trees clean the air (Patel, 2021, p. 8).
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