**Signal Phrases**

Signal phrases introduce a quote or paraphrase into written work. Writers should always use signal phrases when including information from sources.

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**Other Examples:**

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| As Redmond notes … | McCullum concludes… |
| **https://blueoctopusllc.files.wordpress.com/2013/08/verificare-apia.jpg**Smith reports … | Necaise contrasts this idea… |
| Moreover, Hammond adds… | Oriakhi argues… |

***TIP***: APA includes the year immediately after the name. See our guides on APA and MLA for details and options for citations.

**Common Signal Phrases and Verbs:**

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| According to | Points out | Defines | Adds | Proposes |
| Admits | Presents | Expresses | Discloses | Delineates |
| Agrees | Discounts | Confirms | Asserts | Implies |
| Refutes | Comments | Compares | Contrasts | Creates |
| Reports | Documents | Explains | Recounts | Suggests |
| Illustrates | Claims | Comments | Acknowledges | Highlights |
| Emphasizes | Indicates | Maintains | Notes | Observes |

***\*APA uses past-tense or present-perfect verbs***

**Signal Phrases and Direct Quotes**

*Direct Quote without a Signal Phrase:*

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*Direct Quote with a Signal Phrase:*

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