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Integrating Quotations

Avoid these common pitfalls when using direct quotations in your papers. Here are two common problems and how to fix them.

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