

# Help Centres – English Support



## Integrating Quotes into Paragraphs

You have presented a claim and have a strong supporting quote to bolster your position. How can this evidence be smoothly integrated into your paragraph?

**Method One:** Use a signal phrase separated from the quotation with a comma.

- Example with signal phrase verbs: Park endorses such an approach when she argues, “efficiency rates are consistently higher when supervisors permit a hybrid work model”.
- Example without signal phrase verbs: According to Park, “efficiency rates are consistently higher when supervisors permit a hybrid work model”.

**Method Two:** Make the quotation a part of your own sentence without any punctuation between your own words and the quotation.

- Example: Park argues **that** “efficiency rates are consistently higher when supervisors permit a hybrid work model”.
- Example: Trapper again reveals his sense of artistic insecurity when mumbling **that** “[he] never could get the colour right no matter how many times [he] tried” (Chan 22).

**Method Three:** Introduce the quote with a complete sentence followed by a colon.

- Example: Lee’s *Emerging Trends* explicitly supports the view that online shopping erodes mental health: “The isolation and obsessive tendencies nurtured by this type of consumer behavior has only intensified over time”.

**Method Four:** Use short quotes – a few words or a phrase – as part of your own sentence.

- Example: The danger posed by online shopping, especially “[t]he isolation and obsessive tendencies” (Lee 89), can only be remedied by encouraging consumers to return to the public marketplace.