



Quote Integration Practice

Never leave your quotes naked or disconnected from the rest of your writing!

NOTE:

Connect them to your own phrasing with proper punctuation, joining words, **CONTEXT** and a complete **CITATION** (credit as to where the quote comes from).

○ INCORRECT:

After June’s humiliating piano recital, Waverly adds insult to injury. “You aren’t a genius like me.” - Author Amy Tan. Novel: “The Joy Luck Club.” Page 151.

○ CORRECT:

After June’s humiliating piano recital, Waverly makes a declaration which adds insult to injury: “You aren’t a genius like me” (Tan, page 151).

After June’s humiliating piano recital, Waverly adds insult to injury by declaring, “You aren’t a genius like me” (Tan, page 151).

Your Turn!

1. Introduce & integrate the following quote using context that forms a complete sentence + a colon.

In the quote below, a character named Atticus Finch, is talking to his **son**, Jem, and his **daughter**, Scout. They are discussing a recent incident at school, in which Jem has overheard various classmates insulting his father, who has taken on a controversial court case. Jem tells his father he was tempted to fight those who insulted him; in response, his father gives him the **advice** below.

“You might hear some ugly talk about it at school, but do one thing for me if you will: you just hold your head high and keep those fists down. No matter what anybody says to you, don’t you let ‘em get your goat.”

→ Chapter 9, page 86 of the novel “To Kill A Mockingbird” written by Harper Lee.

2. Using the same quote above, introduce & integrate the quote using context in an introductory phrase + a comma.

NOTE:

You can also use square brackets [] and/or an ellipsis . . . to change verb tense, to remove repetitive phrasing, to add missing words to a sentence, or to eliminate irrelevant portions of the quotation that you do not intend to discuss.

○ INCORRECT:

Dwight is a bully who takes out his anger and insecurity on those who are weaker than he is. "This made him furious; on the way back to the car he would kill anything he saw. Absolutely anything that could cross his path. He killed chipmunks, squirrels, blue jays, and robins" (Wolff, 171).

○ CORRECT:

Dwight is a bully who takes out his anger and insecurity on those who are weaker than he is. While hunting, he boosts his ego by "[killing] anything he [sees]... He [kills] chipmunks, squirrels, blue jays, and robins" (Wolff, 171).

3. Introduce & integrate the quote by fusing the quote into your sentence only using key words and phrases. Also use square brackets [] or an ellipsis . . . to change verbs or other parts of the original quotes when necessary.

In the quote below, the novel's narrator (an active character in the novel named Scout), is recalling the advice her father, Atticus, gave to her and her brother. Like her brother, Scout has repeatedly heard her schoolmates insult her father. She has tried her best to stay calm. However, as the weeks went by, she finds it more and more difficult to not fight back in defense of her father. In the quote below she describes her thoughts to the reader.

"I felt extremely noble for having remembered the advice my father gave us. I held my head high. I kept my fists down. I didn't let them get my goat. Although, I will admit, this task was not a simple one for me. Not simple at all. I did my best, I really did and remained noble for three weeks."

→ Chapter 10, page 94 of the novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" written by Harper Lee.
