What is a quotation?

 Borrowing words from a text or story to support your own answer to a question.

"My life has a superb cast, but I cannot figure out the plot."

- Ashleigh Brilliant

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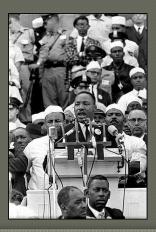
When you use quotations in your work, the punctuation, spelling and wording must be EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR IN THE ORIGINAL WORK.

Original Text

"In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check."

Integrated quote

Martin Luther King Jr. used a poignant metaphor in his speech when he said that the people were in the capital city to "cash a check."



 When quotations are integrated into your text, the resulting sentence - your words and the incorporated quotation – must be GRAMMATICALLY

Let's eat grandpa. Let's eat, grandpa.

CORRECT

correct punctuation can save a person's life.

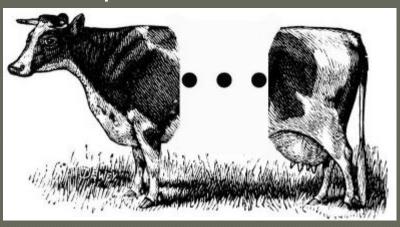
Correct Integration:

Martin Luther King Jr. used a poignant metaphor in his speech when he said that the people were in the capital city to "cash a check."

Incorrect Integration:

Martin Luther King Jr. used a poignant metaphor in his speech when "in a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check."

If you omit material from a quotation, or are using two quotations from the same piece together, use an ellipsis (...). If the omission includes the end of a sentence, add a fourth period.



Original Text:

But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: in the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

Integrated Quote:

Martin Luther King Jr. demands that the protestors "not allow...physical violence" to be an option. He says they "must rise ...with soul force."

from languidslog.com

If it is necessary to add or change a word in a quotation to make it conform to the syntax (structure) or verb tense of your sentence, enclose the word in square brackets []

(Parentheses) [Square Brackets]

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Integrated Quote:

Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963 tells his followers that "[they] must not be guilty of wrongful deeds." He also preaches they "forever conduct [their] struggle on the high plane of dignity" and that they "not allow...physical violence."

If you are quoting more than one line of poetry into your text, the end of each line should be marked with a diagonal line (/) and have a space before and after it.

Original Poem:

Whose woods these are I think I know His house is in the village though; He will not see me stopping here To watch his woods fill up with snow.

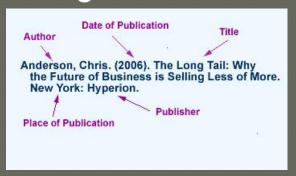
Integrated Quote:

In Stopping By Woods on a Snowy
Evening, Robert Frost describes a
traveller who recognizes a familiar
landscape and is heard saying "I think I
know / His house...."

Citation

- When you are quoting the work of others, you are required to give them credit by citing. There are several different styles of citation.
- You need to become familiar with in-text citing and works cited lists

- MLA after the quotation, give the partial URL if a website Martin Luther King Jr. used a poignant metaphor in his speech when he said that the people were in the capital city to "cash a check" (news.bbc.co.uk)
- APA
- Chicago



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