Welcome to video 4: APA in-text citations. This is for your SLS 1101 APA assignment.

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In this video we are going to talk about in-text citations so let's get started. We are gonna talk about two types of in-text citations. Direct quote is the first type, and paraphrase is the second type. I’m gonna tell you, your professor told me, the most important thing to get out of these videos is these two elements, because they are sometimes the most difficult for people who have not used research in their essays before. A direct quote is exactly what it sounds like. It is taken directly taken from the source. You have to use quotation marks and you can’t change anything. You have to keep it just like the author wrote it. Now in the original article, it won’t have quotation marks around it. It’s just going to be a part of the article, but when you put it in your paper, you have to put quotes around it to show that you are quoting that guy's actual words that he used in his article. A paraphrase is a little different. It uses ideas from the source but written in your own voice. You’re going to change the structure; you’re going to change it around. The subject might go in a different place, ya know, it's gonna look different but it is going to have the same idea. Here’s an example, “one study found that children prefer vanilla ice cream in the summer months.” That’s a paraphrase of this original quote up here in blue. “Vanilla was the favorite flavor of ice cream when tested in June, July, and August.” You can see that these both have the same idea, but I just used different words so I could incorporate it more naturally into my essay. And that’s the benefit sometimes of a paraphrase. The original might be a little clunky or might not flow with the rest of the essay. On the other hand, sometimes the original quote is written so well and so precisely that you really want to keep the nature of the original and that’s when you want to use a direct quote.

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Next. A little bit more about what to include in the parenthesis after a quote. Use quotation marks of course; do not change any words and include three pieces of information: the author, date, and location within the article. Here’s an example, Smith, 1996, reported "children under 10 prefer chocolate by a 2-1 margin" (p. 124). That’s one way you can do it. Another way is this, “another study found that young children often “...refused to eat strawberry ice cream.” And then put the citation at the end. (Singh, 2013, para. 8). That’s another way to do it. In the essay you must include 1 direct quote...it doesn’t matter where but it has to be in there.

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For paraphrases, keep the idea of the original source and change the words, and the sentence structure, and include the author and the date in the sentence structure. So here you only have to have 2 pieces of information. For example, (Smith, 1996), I can put it here in my sentence or I can put it here at the end of my sentence. Either way is fine. It’s your choice. Your essay must include at least one paraphrase; it doesn’t matter where but you need to include that paraphrase. I recommend putting your direct quote in one body paragraph and a paraphrase in the another.
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Now what if the source has no page numbers, right? Because if you are doing a direct quote then you have to have a location. Well, include the paragraph number. What if there are section headings? In a lot of the opposing viewpoints articles there are section headings. If there are section headings, include the heading and the number of paragraphs under that heading. That will help the reader find that info. But, what if the section heading is ridiculously long? If the heading is too long, put a shorter version in quotes. Here’s two examples: Normal heading, “results section.” Short and sweet. But if your section heading is really long then I’m just going to shorten it to one or two words and put it in quotation marks. Here I shortened it to “issues,” then I give the paragraph number in both cases. The paragraph number you will count from that section heading, not from the top of the page.

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Ok, let's review. In this video you learned about in-text citations for direct quotes and paraphrases. In the next video we will go into more detail about paraphrasing and do some practice. Alright, I’ll talk to you soon. Bye.