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QUOTATION RULES



Quotation Rule	Example
1. Quotations use double quotation marks.	"Follow American conventions," he says.
2. Periods and commas go inside quotation	Professor Exactly says, "Remember where
marks.	the comma goes," and adds, "and periods,
	too."
3. Quoting within a quotation uses single	The waiter said, "Our dessert cake has been
quotation marks.	called 'utterly chocolate decadence' by
	those who truly like it."
4. Quoting one word uses double quotation	The word "infer" means "to deduce,"
marks.	
5. A parenthetical citation is part of the	APA: Dr. Grammar writes, "Listen to Pro-
sentence but not part of the quotation.	fessor Exactly" (p. 123). MLA: Dr.
	Grammar writes, "Listen to Professor
	Exactly" (123).