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When **directly quoting** information from a source, use quotation marks and an in-text citation.

For example, experts note that “many of the ethical issues may be effectively dealt with through opportunities for communicating these issues” (Preshaw et al. 498).

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For items with authors, in-text citations include the author name(s) and page numbers for the quoted or paraphrased information. They can be formatted with both author name and page number at the end of the sentence in parentheses (Martel 234). Another way to format in-text citations is to include the author in the sentence and then list a page number only in parentheses, as seen in the next sentence. Martel’s main character notes, “I know my survival is hard to believe” (223).
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