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How to use Direct Quotes and Paraphrasing

Direct Quotation

Original sentence from "Scout's Honor": *About then, the heel of my left foot, encased in a heavy rubber boot over an earth-crushing Buster Brown shoe, started to get sore. Things weren't going as I had hoped. Cheerfully, I tried to ignore the pain,*

Direct quote within essay sentence: *"About then, the heel of my left foot, encased in a heavy rubber boot over an earth-crushing Buster Brown shoe, started to get sore. Things weren't going as I had hoped. Cheerfully, I tried to ignore the pain,"* the narrator admits as he begins the trek over the bridge.

Paraphrase

Original sentence from *The Outsiders*: *Darry didn't deserve to work like an old man when he was only twenty. He had been a real popular guy in school; he was captain of the football team and he had been voted Boy of the Year. But we just didn't have the money for him to go to college, even with the athletic scholarship he won. And now he didn't have time between jobs to even think about college. So he never went anywhere and never did anything anymore, except work out at gyms and go skiing with some old friends of his sometimes. (Pg. 16)*

Paraphrased: Ponyboy feels sorry for all the opportunities his family was not able to provide Darry. For all the great achievements Darry had at a young age, the popularity and athletic scholarship still could not buy his way into a life beyond hard labor.

Paraphrased example within a paragraph: Ponyboy feels sad about Darry's lifestyle. On page 16, Ponyboy feels sorry for all the opportunities his family was not able to provide Darry. For all the great achievements Darry had at a young age, the popularity and athletic scholarship still could not buy his way into a life beyond hard labor. Darry never got the chance to do anything in life for fun. This shows that Ponyboy has strong feelings about his brother and how he had to grow up and be a parent figure earlier in life than he should have had to.

Student Sample: Quotes and Paraphrased Examples

Identify direct quotes and paraphrased examples in a body paragraph about the short story "Scout's Honor."

Highlight Direct Quotes in _____ color

Highlight Paraphrase Examples in _____ color

The narrator of "Scout's Honor" is determined to prove he is tough. He worries that he isn't as tough as other boys he knows so he decides to try to become a Second Class Boy Scout. To reach Second Class, he has to meet three requirements. The hardest of the requirements is Scout Craft, which means he has to go on an overnight hike in the country. The narrator asks two of his friends if they'd like to go along, and they agree. When the three boys reach the bridge that will take them from the city to the country, they get nervous, but none of them will admit it. "About then, the heel of my left foot, encased in a heavy rubber boot over an earth-crushing Buster Brown shoe, started to get sore. Things weren't going as I had hoped. Cheerfully, I tried to ignore the pain," the narrator admits as he begins the trek over the bridge. The narrator says that he's leaving. Even though the walkway is narrow and the bridge sways through the foggy air, the narrator holds onto a string of hope that he'll survive and be able to finally prove himself. The three boys eventually cross the bridge, but they are disappointed when they realize the "country" is littered with bottles and cans just like the city is. When the rain begins to fall and their food supply runs out in a matter of hours, the three boys all want to go home, but none of them wants to be the first to say they should leave. Finally the narrator speaks up: "Let's go home," I said, ashamed to look at the others. To my surprise—and relief—none of my friends objected." Just as the narrator thinks he has been defeated, the other boys confess that they weren't tough enough to admit they wanted to go home the entire time. Finally the narrator realizes that being tough isn't always about who is stronger or braver or who does the most adventurous thing. In this case, being tough was about staying true to himself and being honest.