

INTEGRATE THIS!

In the American Psychological Association (APA) citation system, you can integrate other sources in one of three moves.



QUOTE DIRECTLY

Excerpt a phrase, sentence, or short passage verbatim from the source.

HOW?

WHY?

The results found an “age-related associative deficit in the control condition,” indicating the presence of stereotype threat (Brubaker & Naveh-Benjamin, 2018, p. 25).

Maybe the author has phrased something in a particularly creative, beautiful, or captivating way. Or maybe there's not really any better way to say the idea.



PARAPHRASE

“Translate” a phrase, sentence, or short passage from the source into your own language.

HOW?

WHY?

The memory of the subjects in the control group had a similar deficit to those in the test group, implying that, even within the control group, there was a stereotype threat inherently in play before the experiment began (Brubaker & Naveh-Benjamin, 2018, p. 25).

Maybe you need to get your reader some important information from the source, but you can say it just as well in your own language as the source said it.



SUMMARIZE

Condense the main ideas of a passage or source into a short description using your own language.

HOW?

WHY?

The study was originally designed to see how stereotype threat affects performance, but found evidence of the stereotype threat in the control group (Brubaker & Naveh-Benjamin, 2018).

Maybe you need to give your reader a sense of what an entire passage or source does or says before you can add your interpretation of that source.