

## Quote Exercise

### Chapter 5, Writing the Basic Text Story

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1. She said the new position has “given her a brand new perspective on things.”
  - Problem: “her” in the quote, not first person “I”
  - Better to paraphrase this statement- and shorten
  - Book citation at top page 92 (Don’t put words in a speaker’s mouth)

**Rewrite: She said the new position has given her a new perspective.**

2. “Well, I guess, I mean it’s hard to get excited- to get pumped up- when, the fans isn’t- uh, aren’t- behind you, you know?” Lopez said.
  - Quote has too many stops and starts
  - Fix by paraphrasing or cleaning up

**Rewrite: “It’s hard to get excited, to get pumped up, when the fans aren’t behind you, you know?” Lopez said.**

3. “We found the study results worthy of attention,” he indicated.
  - Change “indicated” to “said.” Quoting the text: Nine times out of 10, “said” works best for attribution. Other supposed synonyms convey a range of opinion and judgment.
  - Book reference on page 93

**Rewrite: “We found the study results worthy of attention,” he said.**

4. Weiss explained, “Our support staff...have really handled [the crisis] with flying colors...and made [us] proud of them.”
  - Too many ellipses and brackets. If a quote requires too much additional information for the readers to understand, then paraphrase or use partial quote.
  - Book- page 91 (bottom)

**Rewrite: Weiss said his staff made him proud, handling the crisis “with flying colors.”**

5. “We expect the investigation to be completed within 48 hours, and we plan to bring charges at that point,” according to Detective Kathryn Beene.
  - “According” can cast doubt on a speaker’s words. While the phrase is fine to use when referring to a nonhuman source (a report, for example), it should be avoided when quoting people.
  - Check AP Stylebook regarding capitalizing detective or not
  - Book- page 93

**Rewrite: “We expect the investigation to be completed within 48 hours, and we plan to bring charges at that point,” police Detective Kathryn Beene said.**

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