



DQ Does Not Stand For Dairy Queen . . .

If **DQ** appears on your paper, it indicates a "Dropped Quote." Dropped quotations are those quotations that appear in the middle of your paper without being introduced. In order to transition into your quotation smoothly, avoid dropped quotations in your writing. If you start your sentence without explaining who's speaking, then the effect on the reader can be jarring. You want to eliminate that kind of confusion as much as possible.

Here is an example of a dropped quotation, as well as how you might fix it.

EXAMPLE OF A DROPPED QUOTATION:

Holden gets frustrated and decides to leave. "People are always ruining things for you" (Salinger 88).

See how that quotation is simply "dropped" in the middle of the writing there? (There's no introduction to the quoted passage.) Avoid this by introducing the quote--explain who is speaking, what's happening, etc.

EXAMPLES OF INTEGRATED VERSIONS OF THE SAME QUOTATION:

Holden gets frustrated and decides to leave, **claiming**, "People are always ruining things for you" (Salinger 88).

Holden gets frustrated and decides to leave. **He says**, "People are always ruining things for you" (Salinger 88).

Here are some signal words you can use to eliminate dropped quotations:

Acknowledges	Comments	Describes	Insists	Responds
Adds	Compares	Disputes	Maintains	Reveals
Admits	Concludes	Emphasizes	Notes	Says
Agrees	Concedes	Endorses	Observes	Shows
Argues	Confirms	Finds	Points out	Suggests
Asserts	Considers	Endorses	Predicts	Thinks
Believes	Contends	Grants	Refutes	Warns
Claims	Declares	Illustrates	Reports	Writes
	Denies	Implies		