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## Tip Sheet on: Signal Phrases

According to Diane Hacker in *A Writer's Reference, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*, “readers need to move from your own words to the words of a source without feeling a jolt. Avoid dropping quotations into the text without warning. Instead, provide clear signal phrases, usually including the author’s name, to prepare readers for a quotation.

### **Verbs in Signal Phrases:**

acknowledges	comments	endorses	reasons
adds	compares	grants	refutes
admits	confirms	illustrates	rejects
agrees	contends	implies	reports
argues	declares	insists	responds
asserts	denies	notes	suggests
believes	disputes	observes	thinks
claims (86-87)	emphasizes	points out	writes”

### Examples:

As Joe Smith has noted, “....”

According to Sophia Pal, “....”

In the words of Morgan Ellis “.....”

“....”writes Hemmingway in The Old Man and the Sea

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