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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	emphasizes	points out	writes"
(86-87)			

### **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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