

MLA Citation Worksheet 1

Objectives:

- 1) To examine a examples of in-text citations; and
- 2) To practice incorporating quotes into essay text.

As a general guideline, MLA-style essay writers should include the author's name and page/paragraph number (as available) for each in-text citation by choosing which pieces of this data to include in your sentence and which to include in the parentheses.

The sample sentences below are excerpts from a student's **persuasive MLA research paper** calling for tighter cell phone regulations while driving. To practice incorporating data into essay sentences, please do the following:

1. Review the in-text examples in the table.
2. Identify to which source on the Works Cited list each one refers.
3. Rewrite each sentence to highlight the part of the citation indicated.
4. Use the other examples or a style guide to help you.

Here is a brief list of reporting verbs that you can use to rewrite the sentences.

reports argues claims states suggests describes explains

<i>Incorporating a quote</i>	<i>MLA In-text example</i>	<i>Re-write as indicated</i>
Author's name in reference	A week later, corrections officer Shannon Smith, who was guarding prisoners by the side of the road, was killed by a woman distracted by a phone call (Besthoff).	<i>Author's name in text:</i>
Author's name in text	Donald Redelmeier reported that "using a cellular telephone increased the risk of having a motor vehicle collision as much as four times for the same drivers when they were not using their cellular telephones" (p455).	Author's name in reference only:
Web source without an author	One published survey showed that 87% of those polled said that cell phones affect a driver's ability, and 40% reported having close calls with drivers distracted by phones (Farmer's Insurance).	Source name in text:
Someone else quoted in a source	"It's definitely an issue that is gaining steam around the country," says Matt Sundeen of the National Conference of State Legislatures (qtd. in Layon C9).	Author of the <u>article</u> in the text: