

SIGNAL PHRASES

Signal phrases are short introductory sentences which help to inform the reader that quoted material appears. Usually, they consist of a subject and a reporting verb, and they may be found in the beginning or towards the end of a quote.

EX:

Lori asks: "Can men be truly faithful to their partners?"

Greg responds, "Men can be faithful if given sufficient love."

"Sometimes, sufficient love means nothing... men, like women, may be prone to certain complexes where nothing seems sufficient, even when it is..." argues Dr. Fairclough.

REPORTING VERBS

Acknowledges	Concludes	Highlights	Refuses
Accuses	Condones	Hypothesizes	Refutes
Adds	Considers	Identifies	Reiterates
Admits	Contends	Illustrates	Rejects
Advances	Conveys	Implies	Relates
Advises	Criticizes	Includes	Remarks
Advocates	Debates	Indicates	Reminds
Affirms	Declares	Infers	Renounces
Agrees	Defines	Informs	Replies
Alleges	Defies	Interjects	Reports
Alludes to	Decides	Insists	Represents
Analyzes	Delineates	Invents	Responds
Announces	Demonstrates	Invites	Reveals
Apologizes for	Denies	List	Scrutinizes
Argues	Denounces	Maintains	States
Asks	Derives	Mention	Says
Asserts	Describes	Narrates	Shows
Assures	Determines	Negates	Solicits
Assumes	Discloses	Notes	States
Attests	Discounts	Nullifies	Stresses
Believes	Discovers	Objects	Submits
Belittles	Disputes	Observes	Suggests
Blames	Discusses	Offers	Summarizes
Capitalizes	Denies	Opposes	Supports
Challenges	Documents	Oversimplifies	Survey
Characterizes	Doubts	Refers	Synthesizes
Chronicles	Embodies	Persuades	Teaches
Chooses	Embraces	Points out	Theorizes
Cites	Emphasizes	Portrays	Thinks
Claims	Empathizes	Posits	Threatens
Comments	Encourages	Postulate	Warns
Compares	Endorses	Praises	Writes
Concludes	Envisions	Predicts	Verifies
Concurs	Establishes	Presents	
Condescends	Examines	Presume	
Condones	Exclaims	Proclaims	
Confirms	Exemplifies	Professes	

Congratulates
Considers
Contends
Contrasts
Creates
Cautions
Claims
Concedes
Concentrates

Explains
Explores
Expresses
Extrapolates
Finds
Focus on
Focuses on
Formalizes
Formulate
Grants

Projects
Pronounces
Proposes
Proves
Provides
Promises
Publicizes
Purports
Reacts
Reasons
Reassures
Recognizes
Recommends
Recounts
Reflects