



Answer Key

Using Signal Phrases (Video)

Check your knowledge about this topic by answering these questions.

Some questions have more than one correct answer.

1. In which of these types of writing can signal phrases be found?

13 points

- Novels
- Haiku poetry
- Plays
- Research papers

2. Signal phrases are used in research papers to do what?

12 points

- Incorporate sources into your paper
- Tell the reader when they are reading something important
- Clearly identify the owner of an idea
- Clarify confusing concepts

3. Signal phrases are also known as what?

12 points

- Lead-in phrases
- Voice markers
- Catch phrases
- Guide posts

4. When writing a research paper, you are expected to do what?

14 points

- Consult multiple sources
- Find the opinions and ideas of experts
- Think about what you have learned
- Add your own ideas and conclusions

5. Which statement best explains the purpose of using signal phrases?

12 points

- They signal when you are making a point versus when you are borrowing someone else's ideas.
- They signal the beginning of new ideas.
- They signal the order of ideas (first, next, then, etc.).
- They signal when difficult concepts are being explained.

6. In MLA style, the first time that you introduce ideas from a new expert or source in your paper, you need to include what?

13 points

- Author's full name
- Title of the source
- Source's publication date
- Author's credentials (what makes him or her an expert)

7. Which of the following are signal phrases?

12 points

- According to
- Coincidentally
- She observed
- In conclusion

8. To introduce a film review by Jose Cortez in your research paper, which of the following is the BEST use of a signal phrase?

12 points

- A review stated that the film was unimaginative, but I thought it was creative.
- Jose Cortez, film critic for the Los Angeles Times newspaper, stated in his review that the film lacked imagination and was overly long.
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- "This unimaginative film was overly long, and even talented actors couldn't save the script," stated Jose Cortez.