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In *C21 English for the 21st Century, Level 5*, you look at citing your sources using a paraphrase or direct quote. This Worksheet will improve your understanding of how you can avoid plagiarism as an academic writer.

Practice

1 Match the reporting verbs to the descriptions of the author's stance.

assumes	argues	demonstrates	denies
implies	mentions	states	suggests

- a _____ says something clearly and directly
- b _____ says something is not true
- c _____ makes a comment which is additional or not central to the argument
- d _____ accepts something is true without providing any evidence
- e _____ shows something to be true through evidence or argument
- f _____ makes a strong case for something which might be controversial or different to what other people think
- g _____ suggests something without saying it directly
- h _____ says something without making a strong argument for it

2 Read the texts. Decide whether you would use a direct quote (DQ) or paraphrase (P) to cite each one.

- a _____ 'I hold it true, whate'er befall;
I feel it when I sorrow most;
'Tis better to have loved and lost
Than never to have loved at all.'
– Alfred Tennyson, in his poem *In Memoriam A.H.H.* (1849)
- b _____ 'Sir W. Batten not knowing how to remove his wine, did dig a pit in the garden, and laid it in there; and I took the opportunity of laying all the papers of my office that I could not otherwise dispose of. And in the evening Sir W. Pen and I did dig another, and put our wine in it; and I my Parmazan cheese, as well as my wine and some other things.'
– Samuel Pepys, writing about the Great Fire of London in his diary (1666)
- c _____ 'In overthrowing me you have cut down in Saint-Domingue only the trunk of the tree of liberty; it will spring up again from the roots, for they are numerous and they are deep.'
– Toussaint L'Ouverture, Governor-General of Saint-Domingue, talking to the people arresting him (1802)
- d _____ 'The office of the sovereign, be it a monarch or an assembly, consisteth in ... the procuration of the safety of the people, to which he is obliged by the law of nature.'
– Thomas Hobbes, writing about the role of a national ruler in *Leviathan* (1651)
- e _____ 'We must not forget that when radium was discovered no one knew that it would prove useful in hospitals. The work was one of pure science. And this is a proof that scientific work must not be considered from the point of view of the direct usefulness of it.'
– Marie Curie, talking about her research (1921)

3 Write a citation for each text in Exercise 2. Remember to use a citing phrase.

4  Discuss. Are the statements common knowledge? Mark each statement C (common knowledge) or N (needs to be cited).

- a _____ Knowledge can be defined as justified true belief.
- b _____ Uranium-235 has a half-life of 703.8 million years.
- c _____ Smoking can cause lung cancer.
- d _____ Diego Velázquez's *Las Meninas* is one of the most provocative paintings in Western art.
- e _____ Since 1992, the rate at which the Antarctic is losing ice has more than doubled.
- f _____ The British continued to export food from Ireland during the Great Famine of 1845–1849.
- g _____ Although people used to think the *Magna Moralia* was written by Aristotle, in fact it was probably written by someone else.
- h _____ The revelation of truth in a forgery is an important theme in the work of Borges.
- i _____ Jupiter is the largest planet in the Solar System.
- j _____ Henry VIII was married six times.
- k _____ The high murder rate in the USA is due to the high rate of gun ownership.
- l _____ Charles Dickens wrote *Great Expectations*.

Reflect

5  Discuss. How can you work out whether something is common knowledge?