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Paraphrase

Typical body paragraphs are full of ideas paraphrased from authors. The verb ‘to paraphrase’ = “to express the meaning of the writer or speaker or something written or spoken” using different words, especially to achieve greater clarity” (Dictionary.com).

- For block quotes, do not change the font or line spacing. Introduce block quotes correctly (usually with a colon:).
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Quotation

The OUP handbook on quotation notes that “You typically only want to use a direct quotation in the following situations: if you’re using that statement as a piece of evidence for your own argument, if you’re establishing another’s position, or if another person has said something better and more clearly than you can.” (OUP. Handout on Quotation (2020)).

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