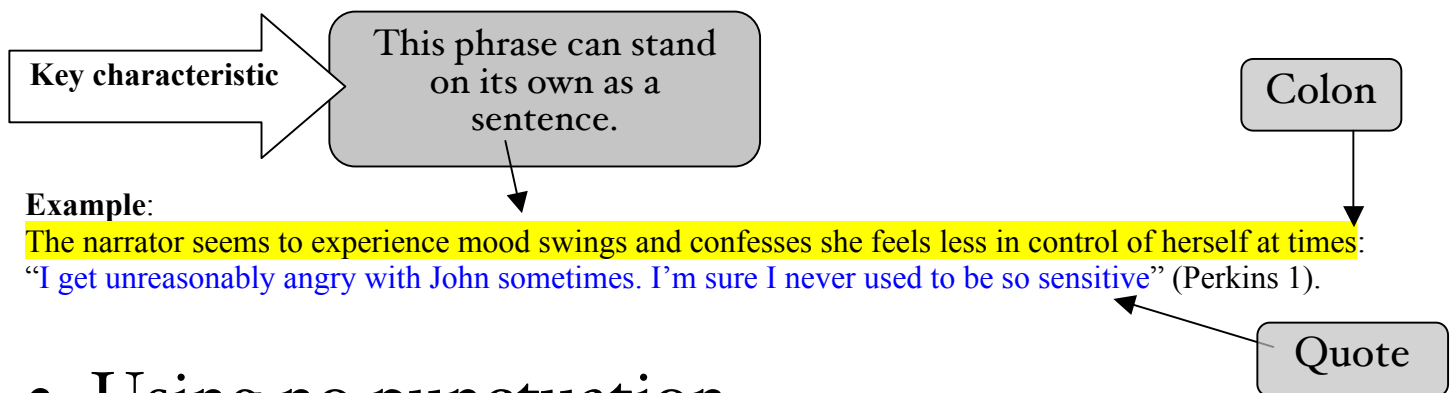


# *Three ways to integrate a quote into your writing:*

## I. Using a colon – a dot over a dot —————→ :

How to use it	Key Question
<p>Set up the quote and then present it as <b>proof</b> of what you have just said.</p> <p><b>Analogy:</b> In court, a lawyer might make a statement, but to prove it, he points to the evidence, which supports and proves the statement he made.</p>	<p>Can the phrase before the quote <b>stand on its own as a sentence</b>?</p> <p>If <b>yes</b>, then put a colon before the quote.</p>



## 2. Using no punctuation

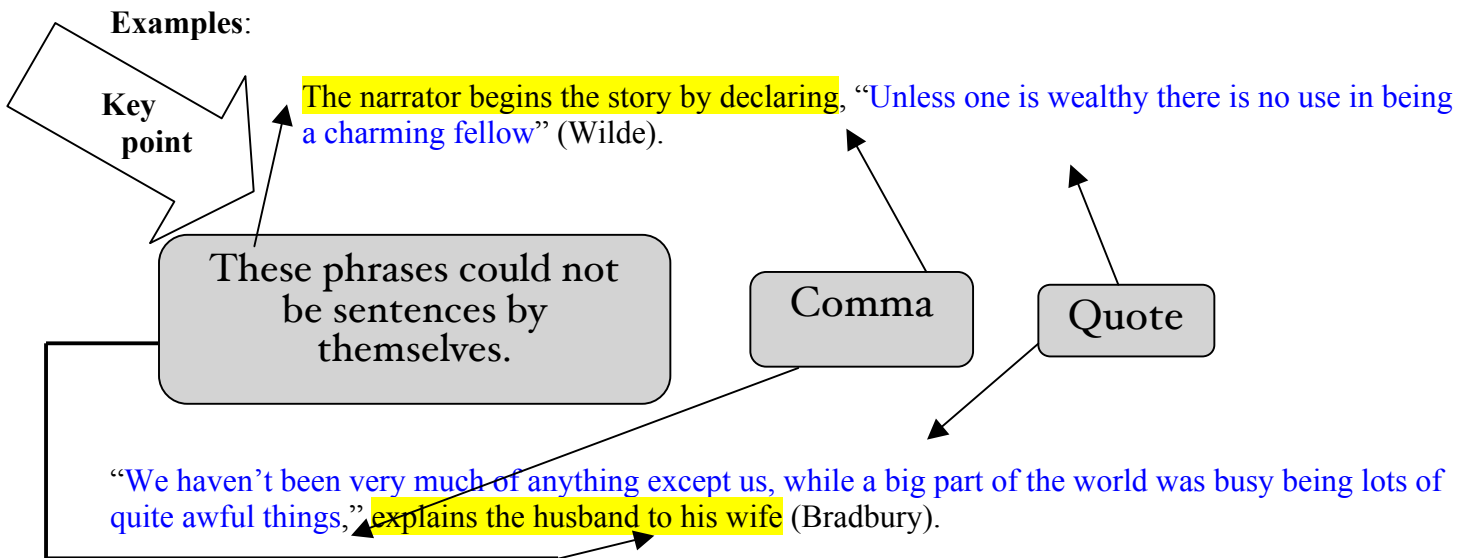
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<p>You can mold the author’s words in as if they are your own.</p> <p>In this case, you’ll probably be summarizing or paraphrasing the story and at some point decide that <b>the writer’s words are better than yours</b> – so you use them instead!</p>	<p>If you took away the quotation marks, would you put any punctuation in that spot?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If <b>no</b>, then you still don’t need any.</li><li>• Just let the <b>quotation marks</b> sit there to <b>mark which words are not yours</b>.</li></ul>

**No punctuation!**

**Example:**  
The Misfit claims society has treated him unfairly and adopts the moniker “Mistfit” because he “can’t make what all [he] done wrong fit what all [he] gone through in punishment” (O’Connor).

### 3. Using a comma → ,

How to use it	Key Question
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You can introduce the quote with an introductory phrase that leads into the author's phrasing.</li><li>Or, you can begin a sentence with a quote and attach a phrase at the end.</li></ul> <p><b>Analogy:</b> This might feel like you are writing a piece of dialog for a story.</p>	<p>Can the phrase before (or after) the quote <b>stand on its own as a sentence</b>?</p> <p>If <b>no</b>, then lead into it or out of it with a comma.</p>



### How do I cite my source and punctuate the end?

