Quotation Marks

Quotation marks are used to set off information within the quotation marks and indicate to the reader that there is something importation about the information within the quotation marks. There are two types of quotation marks, single and double, which are used for various purposes.

Single quotation marks

Single quotation marks have two purposes: to indicate key terms or concepts and to indicate a quotation within a quotation.

> *Key terms example:*
> Sartre's treatment of 'being', as opposed to his treatment of 'non-being', has been thoroughly

described in Kaufmann's book.

> *Quotation within a quotation example:*
> "I was leaving the room when I heard someone yell 'Look Out!'" explained Samantha.

Double quotation marks

There are four main ways to use double quotation marks.

> **1. Double quotation marks are used in academic writing to indicate information that is from another source.** Enclosing text within double quotations signals to the reader that that information is from another source and it has not been paraphrased or altered in any way by the author of the work that the quotation appears in
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> > *Example:*
> > Rosemarie Morgan argues that "Hardy does appear to have had some faith in aesthetic distance" (Morgan 297).

> **2. Double quotation marks are used to indicate speech or a quotation from a source.**
> > *Example:*
> > "What are you doing?" Emily asked.

> **3. Double quotation marks are often used to indicate titles such as the name of a poem or a journal article.** Generally, the titles of articles, poems, songs, or chapters in a textbook would be enclosed by double quotation marks. Always double check what citation style is required, and adjust your quotation use accordingly.
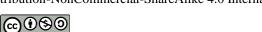> > *Examples:*
> > "Ode on a Grecian Urn" is a poem by John Keats.
> > "Modernism and Gender" is a journal article in *The Cambridge Companion to Modernism*.

> **4. Double quotation marks are used as *scare quotes.*** This use of quotations indicates an alternate meaning than the word would normally imply. For instance, this author is suggesting that politicians *do not* care about post-secondary student debt.
> > *Example:*
> > Politicians say that they "care" about post-secondary student debt.

Practice: Quotation marks
Insert Quotation marks where they are needed.

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4. My favorite song is Mr. Jones by the Counting Crows. It is on their debut album, August and Everything After.

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