

Quotations from Text

Cougars

Grammar: Direct Quotations and Interjections

When you include parts of another text in your work, copy the words exactly and include any internal punctuation marks. Then enclose the quote in quotation marks.

The Author's Words

The experience was a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

Quoted Sentences

Use a comma and capitalize the first letter of the quotation.

The ecologist wrote, “**T**he experience was a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.”

Use *that* or *as* to introduce the quotation.

The ecologist wrote that “the experience was a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.”

Thinking Questions

What part of the text do I want to quote? How can I include it smoothly in my writing?

Complete each sentence with a quoted phrase or sentence taken from the direct quotation that follows it.

- The cougar might be called an antisocial animal,
(“The cougar is a solitary diner, preferring to eat alone.”)
- The author describes the cougar’s leaping ability saying,

(“Its legs are like compressed springs that propel it great distances.”)
- Small animals even far away are not safe from the cougar, which is

(“The cougar is favored with acute eyesight.”)
- Unlike a cat, the purr of a cougar is (“Its purr is deceptive.”)
- Although they’re hard to spot,

(“Cougars populate much of North America.”)