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For example:

**Direct quotation** (their ideas, their words). Use either double or single quotation marks and be consistent throughout the document.

- “Bringing Them Home report estimates that approximately 10% percent of Aboriginal children were taken from their families.” (Hodge 2005, p.15)

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- About 10% of children were stolen from their Aboriginal families. (Hodge 2005, p.15)

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  e.g. French (2005, p.19) argues that the convicts did not eat well on the ships. Convicts were fed mostly soup or stew, with hard bread or ship’s biscuit.

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