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- **Author named in a signal phrase:** In a clause or phrase that sets up your quotation, name the author. Then, in parentheses, provide the page number on which you found the quote, without any letters or abbreviations.

  Ex: Alex Twin explains the continuing market turmoil: "the bill won't help loosen up credit markets in the near term, and with cash still scarce, investors remained on edge" (3).

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  Ex: A woman carrying a gun decreases the murder rate for women by three to four times the amount a man carrying a gun decreases the murder rate for men (Thompson 42).

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  Ex: Statistical data on accidents caused by cell phone usage is minimal because in many states, police are not required to note whether a driver involved in an accident had been on the phone ("Yes, Prohibit Cell Phone Use" 21).

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  Ex: The healthcare field has not suffered from the economic downturn: "With a large segment of the population entering retirement age, healthcare remains strong, adding more than 196,000 jobs so far this year" (Lorenz).

  Or: According to Kate Lorenz, the healthcare field has not suffered from the economic downturn: "With a large segment of the population entering retirement age, healthcare remains strong, adding more than 196,000 jobs so far this year."