

## Term: “Blends”

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**Definition:** A blend is an introductory phrase or dependant clause before a piece of evidence. The purpose of a blend is to more smoothly blend the evidence into the paragraph and to avoid dropping in quotes abruptly.

### Example

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“Baca states, ‘and let you warm yourself by this fire...’”

“Maya stated, ‘When I refused to be the child ...’”

“As a result, ‘every one, as he is bound to preserve himself...’”

“Article 19 of the UDHR states, ‘Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression...’”

### Non-Example

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“Maya’s rape led to her deliberate silence. ‘When I refused to be the child ...’”

“Every one, as he is bound to preserve himself..”

**Analysis:** These examples do not have any introductory phrases and are therefore less smoothly presented.