**I Signal Phrases**

A phrase, clause, or sentence that introduces a [quotation](http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/quoterm.htm), [paraphrase](http://grammar.about.com/od/pq/g/paraphterm.htm), or [summary](http://grammar.about.com/od/rs/g/summaryterm.htm).

Common signal phrase [verbs](http://grammar.about.com/od/tz/g/verbterm.htm) include the following:

**argue deny point out**

**assert emphasize report**

**claim illustrate respond**

**comment imply say**

**confirm insist suggest**

**contend note think**

**declare observe write**

Some Examples of how to use signal phrases within your research papers to introduce details or information:

Author: John Smith

Dalin Oaks and James Richardson

* In the article “Niagara Falls” **John Smith declares** that The Great Lakes hold about 20% of the world’s fresh water (55).

(use the author’s first & last name the first time you mention him/her…every time after that use just their last name).

* The Niagara Falls attracts millions of tourists each year because it’s a magnificent sight to see (Oaks and Richardson 15).
* Dalin Oaks and James Richardson point out that there are many waterfalls in the world that are greater than The Niagara Falls in height but The Niagara Falls is greatest in terms of volume (25).