

2.5 Use quotations and paraphrases with honest source credit

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Objective

Use quotations and paraphrases with honest source credit. This is original GAC002-aligned practice, not an official assessment. All people, texts, records and instructions are fictional. This sheet's word ranges and analytic points are local teaching conventions, not official assessment specifications.

1 Key knowledge and worked examples

■ **Key knowledge:** a borrowed idea needs credit even when the wording changes

Plagiarism 抄袭 means presenting another person's words or ideas as your own. A **paraphrase** 改写 restates an idea in your own wording and sentence structure, with a **citation** 引用 identifying its source. Replacing a few words or translating a passage does not make the idea yours.

Use quotation marks for exact words and credit the source. Keep source details while taking notes so you can create a reference entry later. Follow your teaching centre's required referencing style and collaboration rules; this sheet's short author-year format is a local practice convention, not an official GAC requirement.

■ **Source A: text or task brief**

Supplied fictional source, written for this exercise: Lin, M. (2026). Seedling observation notebook. Classroom practice note, page 2. "During our seven-day observation, seedlings in the shaded tray grew more slowly than those beside the window. We did not measure temperature or control every condition, so the difference does not show that shade alone caused the slower growth."

Local task instructions: Write a paragraph using this note. Credit borrowed ideas with (Lin, 2026, p. 2), and provide the supplied full source entry. Exact borrowed wording must be placed in quotation marks. Do not claim that this fictional note is a published scientific study.

■ **Source B: response or review record**

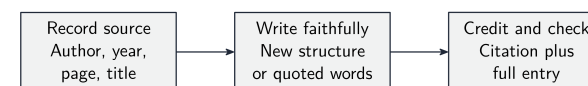
Draft A: "In our seven-day observation, plants in the shaded tray developed more slowly than those by the window." No citation follows.

Draft B: "Lin proves that shade always prevents plant growth (Lin, 2026, p. 2)."

Draft C: "The notebook reports slower growth in one shaded tray than in the window tray, while acknowledging uncontrolled conditions (Lin, 2026, p. 2)." The writer plans to provide the full source entry.

A student proposes translating the original into another language and submitting it without credit because the English words would disappear.

■ **Worked example: credit does not repair a distorted claim**



Known: the note describes one seven-day comparison and admits uncontrolled conditions. Why keep that limitation? Otherwise an observation becomes a causal proof the source expressly rejects.

Draft C uses new wording, identifies the source and preserves the evidence limit. Draft B includes a citation but misrepresents the source; accurate attribution and accurate meaning are both required. A quotation may instead use the exact short phrase "We did not measure temperature" (Lin, 2026, p. 2), with quotation marks and the full source entry.

2 Practice

2.1 Identify TWO problems with Draft A.

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2.2 Explain why Draft B is inaccurate despite its citation.

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2.3 Give THREE reasons Draft C is a better use of the source. [3]

2.4 Explain why uncredited translation remains a problem and state TWO steps that would make source use honest. [3]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Write one faithful paraphrase, one short exact quotation with credit, and the supplied full reference entry. [6]

3.2 Write an 80–110 word advisory paragraph explaining how to use this source honestly. Include the source’s evidence limit and why citation alone cannot fix distortion. [8]
