

### Reference Direct Quotes: Block (APA)

As mentioned earlier, a *direct quote* is when you use the exact words and grammatical pattern of another writer (American Psychological Association, 2020, 8.25, p. 270).

#### How Do I Write a Block, Direct Quote?

A block, direct quote is:

- 40 words or more
- not enclosed in quotation marks
- started on a new line
- indented 1.27 cm on every line (hit the tab button)
- double spaced
- referenced (surname, date, page number) with the full stop before the reference (American Psychological Association, 2020, 8.27, p. 272)

#### For Example

Home buyers should take notice of the following advice:

The term chattels refers to items in a property which can be moved and which are regarded as not being part of the structure, such as curtains, blinds, rugs and mats. The term fixtures relates to items which are a fixed part of the property, such as carpets, light fittings and built-in air conditioners. (Government of WA, 2016, December 1, p. 8)

#### When Do I Use a Block, Direct Quote?

Occasionally, you need to reproduce and analyse a whole chunk of material (e.g. a poem, a legal contract, or a church's doctrinal statement). In rare situations like these, you would be permitted to use a block quote.

### References

- American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Author.
- Government of Western Australia. (2016, December 1). *Sale by offer and acceptance (publication): Chattels and fixtures*. <https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/atoms/files/salebyofferandacceptance.pdf>