

Parenthetical citation examples reflect MLA parenthetical citing style. See MLA Handbook for more information.

### Direct quotations

- A. Charles Fishman **states** that "The basic minimum requirement for a family of five is 100 liters (26 gallons)---that's 220 pounds of water that needs to be toted every day" (13).

**Paraphrasing:** Note the parenthetical reference difference used in sentences A and B

- A. **According to** Charles Fishman in the "The Big Thirst," a family of five requires at least 26 gallons of water weighing 220 pounds that would need to be hauled daily (13).
- B. **For example**, a family of five requires at least 26 gallons of water weighing 220 pounds that would need to be hauled every day (Fishman 13).

### Summarizing

- A. In *The Big Thirst*, Charles Fishman **points out** that 26 gallons of water need to be carried daily for a family of five (13).
- B. **For instance**, 26 gallons of water need to be daily carried for a family of five (Fishman 13).

**Unknown author:** Write the name of the "article"/*book* and shorten it if too long in the parenthetical reference.

- A. **Although** water may seem abundant throughout the world, not everyone has access to clean drinking water ("Ways to Purify Water" 23).

**Indirect source:** Write qtd. in the parenthetical reference if a source is not from the original source.

- A. Scott Steenrod **says**, "This was the heyday of super-high fuel prices" (qtd. in Fishman 124).

**Internet source:** When the author is unknown write the name of the article and shorten it if too long in the parenthetical reference.

- A. On a Ted Talks show, an engineer **explains** how people can make their local water sterile by using Lifesaver filter technology to process 25,000 liters of water (Pritchard, Youtube.com).
- B. **Consequently**, close to 1 billion people in the developing world do not have access to water (Water Scarcity, thewaterproject.org).