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## Excerpt from a book

Author: B. A. Schroeder

Date: 1992

Schroeder is paraphrasing the original authors, Steinmetz & Amsden.

Although violence on elders has been sensationalized in the media, violence by elders on their adult children or caregivers has remained hidden. This type of violence is more likely to occur when the elderly individual is demented and lacks impulse control (Steinmetz and Amsden, 1983).

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## Paraphrasing a Paraphrased Source

Authors of the original study.

→ Steinmetz and Amsden (as cited in Schroeder, 1992) stated that violence enacted by the elderly happens most frequently when an individual is suffering from diminished mental capacity.

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→ In regard to abuse by elders, Steinmetz and Amsden (as cited in Schroeder, 1992) stated that “this type of violence is more likely to occur when the elderly individual is demented and lacks impulse control” (p. 492).

Authors of the original study.

Double quotation marks and page number for the direct quote.

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Schroeder, B. A. (1992). *Human growth and development*. St. Paul, MN: West Publishing.

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## Excerpt from a book

Author: H. D. Brown

Date: 2007

Brown is quoting the original author, Neufeld.

While Neufeld (1979) recognized the limitations of his own studies, he suggested that “older students have neither lost their sensitivity to subtle differences in sounds, rhythm, and pitch nor the ability to reproduce these sounds and contours.”

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## Paraphrasing a Quoted Source

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→ Neufeld’s study (as cited in Brown, 2007) submitted that more mature students are still capable of differentiating between and reproducing sound-related features.

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→ Neufeld’s study (as cited in Brown, 2007) “suggested that ‘older students have neither lost their sensitivity to subtle differences in sounds, rhythm, and pitch nor the ability to reproduce these sounds and contours’” (p. 63).

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