

“Quotes” Versus “Stories”

DIRECT QUOTE: Exact words of a source written in complete sentences.

PARTIAL QUOTE: Exact words of a source written in phrases.

INDIRECT QUOTE: Paraphrasing or rewording of a source's quote.

ANECDOTAL QUOTE: Exact words of a source usually in two or more lengthy sentences that relate a specific experience or provides an in-depth explanation.

It takes a time commitment and attention to detail, but the results of telling stories rather than getting quotes gives meaning to memorable coverage of the year's activities and events.

QUOTE: “We lost many games because we didn't play very well. I think we would have won more games if we had played better than the other teams.”

STORY: “The coach said it would be a hard season and that's why he worked us like he did. It paid off in the end despite the fact that we only finished 6-4 and third in the district. We improved with every game and that in itself was rewarding.”

QUOTE: “I feel like all the hours of hard work will pay off for me when I go to college. You should come to a band practice and then you would know how hard it is.”

STORY: “We practiced so long and so hard that I thought my lips would fall off. If I didn't like the attention we get at halftime so much, I wouldn't go through the rehearsal torture.”

QUOTE: “Book reports are a hassle; I always wait until the last minute.”

STORY: “I waited until the last minute and thought there would be a copy of *Abe Lincoln Built A Log Cabin*, but I was mistaken. The only books left were ones which weighed 50 pounds—big bummer. I got on line and looked up the help notes to get me through the report. Never again. Mrs. Chan knew I was faking it and she gave me what I deserved--a second chance!”