**INTEGRATING THE IDEAS OF PUBLISHED AUTHORS**

*One of the primary features of academic writing is using the literature to support your ideas. This requires you to read widely in order to seek out the different sides of a debate within a particular field of inquiry. This means that you need to demonstrate evidence of your literature exploration by including these authors in your writing and mentioning their points of view. This technique of referring to authors in your writing is often termed citing, documenting, or in-text referencing. To avoid relying on the same verbs when introducing authors into your sentence you may use the following list of verbs to add variety to your sentence-embedded citations.*

KEY VERBS:

Agree, asserts, believe, claim, comment, concede that, challenge, conclude, compare, define,

examine, explore, echo, focus on, go further, hold that, insist, identify,, maintain, note, point out,

point to, prefer, pose, provide evidence, qualify, recall, refer to, remind, respond, report, reveal,

support, touch on, verify, suggest, etc.

**TECHNIQUE FOR PUTTING AUTHORS’ IDEAS INTO YOUR OWN WORDS**

*The key to developing the skill of restating other people’s ideas in your own words is to develop your own repertoire of words that can be used in academic writing. What follows is a list of verbs organized in different groups, because of their similarity in meaning, which can be integrated into your writing. These words may assist when summarizing or when paraphrasing appropriately the words of other authors.*

KEY VERBS:

* Articulate, comment, mention, maintain, point out, indicate, refer, suggest
* Hypothesise, predict, theorise, conceptualise, convey, portray, support, show
* Argue, challenge, compare, contradict, counteract, debate, defend, refute
* Comprise, consist, constitute, embody, characterize, define, identify, recognize
* Create, construct, develop, generate, produce, evolve,
* Investigate, research, experiment, conduct, observe, examine
* Strengthen, increase, expand, weaken, reduce, decrease, condense
* Convince, compel, justify, explain, clarify, reason, account
* Signify, highlight, specify, specialize
* Relate, connect, link, associate, correlate
* Condemn, deny, decline, negate, refute
* Differentiate, deviate, distinguish, divide, separate
* Acknowledge, assert, claim