How to quote correctly

1) Direct quotation

Use a direct quote when you copy the **exact words** from the text.

Format:

“…” (l. x) → one line
“…” (ll. xf.) → two lines
…” (ll. xff.) → several lines



Example:

Jamie says that the camera is her “identity” (l. 102).
She describes herself as “almost-famous” (ll. 12–13).

Rules:

- Use quotation marks (“ ”).
- Copy the words exactly.
- Add line numbers in brackets.

“…” OR cf.

2) Indirect quotation (paraphrase)

Use an indirect quote when you describe a scene **in your own words**
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Format:

(cf. l. x) or (cf. ll. xf.)



Example:

Jamie panics when she cannot find her camera, which shows how important it is to her (cf. ll. 95–104).

Rules:

- Do not use quotation marks.
- Use your own words.
- Still add line numbers.

Common mistakes to avoid

⛔ Writing a quote without line numbers
⛔ Copying long quotes without explanation
⛔ Saying “I think” instead of using evidence

Remember:

✔️ Quote → ✔️ Line numbers → ✔️ Explanation