Credit the Evidence

Use another writer's findings without copying their work.

6-8.WHST.8.c "Quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline words copied exactly from a report, circle each author-year citation, and number the source-list entry that matches each citation.

A Hot Schoolyard

1. On a hot afternoon, two student teams tested whether shade changed how warm the schoolyard pavement became. These are fictional classroom reports, not published studies. In her report, Ava Ortiz recorded, "At 1 p.m., shaded pavement measured 26°C and sunny pavement measured 38°C" (Ortiz, 2025). The teams used the same kind of surface thermometer and waited for each reading to settle. Those measurements describe pavement at one time and place. They do not show that every shaded spot is always cooler than every sunny one.

2. Another team checked the same yard on a different day. Noah Patel's report lists 35°C for the sunny path and 29°C for the shaded path. Instead of copying the report's wording, a writer could state: The path in the sun was 6°C warmer than the path in shade during Patel's test (Patel, 2025). Patel also concluded that more tests at other times would be needed before making a claim about the whole season. A paraphrase changes the wording, not the meaning, and still names the source.

3. Here is one more fictional report to use for your own writing. Mei Lin's notes state, "At noon, the sunny bench measured 34°C and the shaded bench measured 28°C." Lin concludes that shade may make a bench cooler at noon, but a single reading cannot show what happens all day. To help readers find each report, use this source list: Ortiz, A. (2025). *Schoolyard pavement test*. Class report. Patel, N. (2025). *Path temperature test*. Class report. Lin, M. (2025). *Bench temperature test*. Class report.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which citation credits the exact measurements quoted from Ortiz? Copy it.

2. Put Ortiz's measurements in your own words. Include an author-year citation.

3. Paraphrase Patel's conclusion about making a claim for the whole season. Include an author-year citation.

4. Copy the full source-list entry that matches the citation in the sentence comparing the sunny and shaded paths.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about Lin's bench report. In the first, quote her exact measurements. In the second, paraphrase her conclusion. Add an author-year citation to each sentence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline words copied exactly from a report, circle each author-year citation, and number the source-list entry that matches each citation. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which citation credits the exact measurements quoted from Ortiz? Copy it.	**(Ortiz, 2025)**
2	Put Ortiz's measurements in your own words. Include an author-year citation.	**At 1 p.m., the sunny pavement was 12°C warmer than the shaded pavement (Ortiz, 2025).**
3	Paraphrase Patel's conclusion about making a claim for the whole season. Include an author-year citation.	**Patel said that readings taken at more times are needed before drawing a conclusion about the whole season (Patel, 2025).**
4	Copy the full source-list entry that matches the citation in the sentence comparing the sunny and shaded paths.	**Patel, N. (2025). Path temperature test. Class report.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lin recorded, "At noon, the sunny bench measured 34°C and the shaded bench measured 28°C" (Lin, 2025). Her findings suggest that shade may cool a bench at noon, but one reading cannot show whether it stays cooler all day (Lin, 2025).

Accept other accurate paraphrases that use fresh wording and cite the correct author and year. In Part 3, the quotation must match Lin's words exactly.