Integrating Quotations into Writing

When you analyze, explain, or cite ideas from a passage to support your interpretation, you need to integrate the quotations smoothly into your own sentences. This is also called embedding quotations or incorporating quotations.

poorly integrated quotation

The phrase, "the gloom hovering over them," shows the ominous feeling of the scene.

effectively integrated quotation

The scene with "the gloom hovering over them" is eerie and dismal and creates an ominous feeling about the characters' fate.

If you change the form of a word when you quote, you must enclose that word in brackets to show your reader what you did.

As the "gloom [hovers] over them," the reader feels a sense of ominous unrest.