

JESI, 2009: Attributing Ideas to Others

To attribute means to indicate that someone other than the writer has said or written something. Students often have a difficult time attributing ideas to other writers or sources because they get lost in the syntax or word choice.

Take a look at the following verbs of attribution, from the Undergraduate Writing Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

http://www.utexas.edu/tip/TIP-FY/ct_links/verbs_attrition.pdf

These verbs are useful in summarizing and paraphrasing information.

