

Quote vs. Quotation

The use of the words quote and quotation interchangeably has become prevalent in modern writing and has been allowed by most dictionaries although some may consider using quote in place of quotation as informal. However, in their traditional uses, these terms are slightly different.

The term quote as a noun traditionally refers to “a quotation giving the estimated cost for a particular job or service.”

Parents chip in to rebuild school playground at under 2% of quote

[Stuff.co.nz](#)

Doctors quote big for rural posts

[The Hindu](#)

Jacksonville lawyer sounds alarm on hefty quote for public records

[News4Jax](#)

However, it is now used as a noun meaning “a quotation from a text or speech.”

New Year 2017: Top quotes and messages to celebrate the special day with friends and family

[International Business Times UK](#)

Miley Cyrus Explains Her Sobriety With a Justin Bieber Quote

[TIME](#)

Some people are angry about the Jane Austen quote used on the new £10 note

[Business Insider](#)

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Quote can also be used as a verb to mean “to repeat or copy out a group of words from a text or speech, typically with an indication that one is not the original author or speaker.”

RLA work quoted in Commons Library Paper

[RLA](#)

Papers quoted by Rahul Gandhi name not only Modi, but two CMs and one Delhi ex-CM

[Economic Times](#)

Theresa May quotes murdered Jo Cox in New Year message calling for Brexit unity

[Evening Standard](#)

On the other hand, the word quotation is generally used as a noun referring to “a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker.”

Jane Austen banknote unveiled – with strange choice of quotation

[The Guardian](#)

A Pseudo-Darwin Quotation

[National Center for Science Education](#)

Quotation of the Day: There Was, Literally, No Place Like Her Self-Cleaning Home

[NY Times](#)

In summary, you can use both quote and quotation interchangeably to refer to words taken from a text or speech. However, you may opt to choose quotation in formal writing as some editors are still very particular with the traditional sense of these words.