Indirect Citations vs. Direct Citations
Indirect—Taking the idea of an author’s quote and putting it into your own words while still giving credit to the author.

- Are quotation marks used? NO
- Is an in-text citation used? YES
Example

Mark Twain said that it was better to keep one’s mouth shut and look ignorant than to open it and prove that you are (43).
Direct—Using an author’s exact pattern of words, which are surrounded with quotation marks.

Are quotation marks used?  YES
Is an in-text citation used?  YES
**Example**

Mark Twain said, “It’s better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt” (43).
WHEN to Use Indirect Citations

1. To summarize information: give a condensed version of the info

2. To paraphrase information: rephrasing the information in your own words

3. To communicate facts or statistics
WHEN to Use Direct Citations

1. To retain the meaning and authenticity of the original source

2. To lend support to a literary analysis

3. To capture exactly the language that supports your point because it is unusual, well-crafted, striking, shocking, or memorable
Read the attached webpage and then list examples of indirect and direct citations.

HINTS: What is the golden rule of in-text citations? Is there an author? In case you need to know, how do you “present” the title of a webpage?