

EXERCISE MLA 3-3 Integrating sources in MLA papers To read about integrating sources, see MLA-3 in *A Writer's Reference*, Sixth Edition.

Read the following passage and the information about its source. Then decide whether each student sample uses the source correctly. If the student has made an error in using the source, revise the sample to avoid the error. If the student has quoted correctly, write "OK."

ORIGINAL SOURCE

Most of us think that S.U.V.s are much safer than sports cars. If you asked the young parents of America whether they would rather strap their infant child in the back seat of the TrailBlazer [a Chevrolet SUV] or the passenger seat of the Boxster [a Porsche sports car], they would choose the TrailBlazer. We feel that way because in the TrailBlazer our chances of surviving a collision with a hypothetical tractor-trailer in the other lane are greater than they are in the Porsche. What we forget, though, is that in the TrailBlazer you're also much more likely to hit the tractor-trailer because you can't get out of the way in time. In the parlance of the automobile world, the TrailBlazer is better at "passive safety." The Boxster is better when it comes to "active safety," which is every bit as important.

From Gladwell, Malcolm. "Big and Bad." *New Yorker* 12 Jan. 2004: 28-33. Print. The source passage is from page 31.

1. Malcolm Gladwell points out that drivers feel safer in an SUV than in a sports car because they think that the SUV driver's "chances of surviving a collision with a hypothetical tractor-trailer in the other lane are greater" (31).
2. Gladwell argues that "active safety is every bit as important" as a vehicle's ability to withstand a collision (31).
3. A majority of drivers can, indeed, be wrong. "Most of us think that S.U.V.s are much safer than sports cars" (Gladwell 31).
4. According to Gladwell, American SUVs are more likely to be involved in collisions than other vehicles "because [they] can't get out of the way in time" (31).
5. Gladwell explains that most people expect an SUV "to survive a collision with a hypothetical tractor-trailer in the other lane" (31).