

A quote can match and still mislead.

A twelve-case exercise for researchers and editors checking draft quotations against supplied transcripts.

Original fictional group interview. People, figures and timestamps are invented; there is no recording. No client result or independently measured performance is claimed.

Try the existing tool

1. Extract the evaluation ZIP and open Quote-Trace.html in a desktop browser. It runs locally without an account, installation or network connection.
2. Paste transcript.txt into Source transcript and draft-quotes.txt into Draft quotes. Select Check quotes. The next page gives the expected results.
3. Inspect case 9 in context. Its words match, but the participant describes an expectation that the rest of the sentence contradicts. The tool does not decide whether a quote supports a claim.
4. Download review JSON, then select Clear text. Downloaded files remain on your device. Nothing is saved automatically by the page.
5. If you try your own source, use sanitized text you are permitted to process, formatted as [00:00] Speaker: words. Use unique speaker identifiers and timestamps in order.

What the tool can establish

Exact or typography/whitespace matches, repeated passages, missing wording and disagreement with a supplied speaker label. Case, numbers and substantive wording are preserved. A no-match result can also come from an unsupported spelling or formatting difference.

What still needs you

Source accuracy, audio, speaker identity, context, omissions, interpretation and permissions. No transcript/document import, factual verification, thematic analysis or time-saving guarantee. This is deterministic text comparison; development and documentation were AI-assisted.

Evaluation and purchase

Evaluation is free, with no obligation to buy or recommend. Proposed price: US\$19 for up to five internal users, source and seven days of defect support. Agree an available payment method before purchase; card and PayPal setup is in progress, with 19 native USDC also available by agreement. No payment is due for this exercise. Free manual search remains an alternative.

Feedback: source format, wrong/unclear results, whether it replaces a checking step, willingness to pay and usable payment method. Send observations, not participant data, to meltemilabs@gmail.com.

Twelve checks, one context trap

The first column is the line number in draft-quotes.txt. Labels below describe the expected mechanical result; they are not publication approval.

Case	Draft quotation	Result / reason
1	P01 I could not submit the claim without help.	Exact. Verbatim at 00:14 under P01.
2	P01 I could submit the claim without help.	No match. Removing not changes the wording and meaning.
3	P01 The receipt total was 7 dollars.	No match. The supplied source says 17 dollars.
4	Interviewer I could not submit the claim without help.	Wrong speaker. The wording belongs to P01, not Interviewer.
5	I checked the status twice.	Multiple matches. P02 at 00:38 and P01 at 00:53 both say this.
6	P01 I checked the status twice.	Exact. The speaker label narrows it to P01 at 00:53.
7	P02 Don't hide the error message.	Formatting match. Straight apostrophe in the draft; curly apostrophe in the source.
8	P01 send it. The next question	No match. These words are in separate speaker turns; they must not be joined.
9	P01 I can submit the form without help	Exact. Wording exists inside a thought that is contradicted by the rest of the sentence. Human context review must reject it as evidence of successful independent submission.
10	P01 we saved two drafts, not two hours.	No match. Case is preserved; the source begins We. A no-match result is not by itself proof of invention.
11	P02 Refresh.	Multiple matches. P02 repeats the word twice in the same turn at 02:08.
12	P01 We saved two drafts, not two hours.	Exact. Verbatim at 02:28. This does not establish a time saving.

Case 9 is deliberately important: exact text is evidence of wording, not evidence that a draft claim is supported. Read the source context.

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