

***They Say, I Say* Chapter 1: "Starting with What Others Are Saying"**

Templates For Introducing "Standard Views"

Americans today tend to believe that [].

Conventional wisdom has it that [].

Common sense seems to dictate that [].

The standard way of thinking about topic X has it that [].

It is often said that [].

My whole life I have heard it said that [].

You would think that [].

Many people assume that [].

Templates For Making What "They Say" Something You Say

I've always believed that [].

When I was a child, I used to think that [].

Although I should know better by now, I cannot help thinking that [].

At the same time that I believe [], I also believe [].

Templates For Introducing Something Implied Or Assumed

Although none of them have ever said so directly, my teachers have often given me the impression that [].

One implication of X's treatment of [] is that [].

Although X does not say so directly, she apparently assumes that [].

While they rarely admit as much, [] often take for granted that [].