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EAP Supplementary Materials
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   Or: According to Wong (2001, p.16) he states that the Internet is a useful research tool.
   The mistake in the question was that there are 2 subjects (the author's name and 'he'), and 'According to...' and 'states' mean the same thing. There should only be one subject, and choose 'According to..' or 'states'.

2. Wong (2001, p.16) he states that the Internet is a useful research tool.
   The mistake in the question was that there are 2 subjects (the author's name and 'he'), but there should only be one.

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   The mistake in the question was that the year of publication is missing.

4. Wong (2001, p.16) says states that the Internet is a useful research tool.
   The mistake in the question was that it is bad style to use 'says'.

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   The mistake in the question was that the verb is wrong. Use 'states'.

6. Wong, D. (2001, p.16) states that the Internet is a useful research tool.
   There are 2 mistakes in the question. Firstly, in-text citations should not include the author's initial, so delete ', D.'. Secondly, there should not be a comma before 'states'.

7. 'The Internet is a useful research tool', (Wong, 2001, p.16).
   The mistake in the question was that there should either be a verb before the author's name, or the author's name should be in the brackets with the year of publication and the page number.

8. Wong (2001, p.16) claims states that the Internet is a useful research tool.
   The mistake in the question was the use of the verb 'claims'. This means that you think that the information may not be correct. The 2001 EAP book advises that, 'at this early stage of your academic writing career avoid using verbs implying criticism of a writer; e.g. "claim"'.

9. Wong (January 1, 2001, p.16) claims that the Internet is a useful research tool. The mistake in the question was the use of the day and month. An in-text citation should only contain the year of publication.