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  Paraphrase: Fougnie et al. examine the length of time that participants search for a given item before moving on to a subsequent display. (10)

  Direct quote: “… evidence suggests that participants should leave when intake levels drop below the average rate.” (Fougnie et al. 10)
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Direct Quote: (Lannister 332)
Paraphrase: (332)

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Paraphrase: (Snow & Tarly)

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