Speaker 1: Hello, this is Dr. Smith, and firstly, it's very nice to meet too. But before I get into discussing anything about the content of your paper, I want to let you know that I understand that learning how to integrate and synthesize sources into cohesive piece of writing takes considerable amount of time and practice.

If you're not engaging in these processes or simply just copying the whole sentences, for example, it forfeits valuable opportunities to develop the skills you need as a student and as a professional. There are several plagiarism checkers available for free online.

You can always use one of these services before turning your paper and on your next assignment attempt to synthesize what you need online to your own words. I'm sure you're doing much better than you think.

Alright, next, you'll notice the comments in your feedback where I mentioned that you should try to use the active voice as opposed to passive voice as much, and as possible. The active voice means the subject of a sentence performs the verb. Here's a quick example. Monkeys adore bananas. A sentence in the past voice, on the other hand, is when the subject is acted on by the verb. For example, or using the example I just gave.

Here's the passive version. Bananas are adored by monkeys. When used correctly in a moderation. The passive voice can work at times. A good rule of thumb is to try to put the majority of your sentences in active voices, unless you truly can't write your sentence in any other way. It's still early in the semester, so you have time to review my feedback and do some additional research on your own regarding these topics. For now, onward and upward. Talk to you soon.