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Summary
After completing this learning tool, you should be able to:

- Identify the unique elements of a publication.
- Format these into an appropriate reference.*

* Important: There are different styles of citing and referencing. You should check with your lecturer for the required style of referencing for your discipline. This tutorial will show you how to get started in referencing, using the APA style as an example.

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WHY IS REFERENCING SO IMPORTANT?
- To acknowledge the author or creator for their work.
- To avoid plagiarism.
- To enable others to locate the sources you have cited in your work.
- To give credibility to your work.

INTRODUCTION
When writing your essays or reports, you'll often refer to different sources of information to support the arguments in your paper. Making a reference to these sources is called citing. Full details of all the sources cited to support arguments within the text is given in a reference list at the end of your work.

Extract from an essay on Students and mobile phones:
According to Torktumuch (2007)

Reference List:


DIFFERENT INFORMATION SOURCES REQUIRE DIFFERENT REFERENCE
FORMATTING

REFERENCING A BOOK

In the APA style a book reference should follow this pattern:

Author. (Year). Title. Place of publication: Publisher.

For example:
REFERENCING A BOOK CHAPTER

In the APA style a book chapter reference should follow this pattern:

Chapter author. (year). Chapter title. In Editors of the book (Eds.), Book Title. (pp. page numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

For example:

REFERENCING A JOURNAL ARTICLE

In the APA style a journal article reference should follow this pattern:

Author. (Year), Article title. Journal title, Volume(issue), page number.

For example:

REFERENCING A WEB DOCUMENT

In the APA style a web document reference should follow this pattern:

Author. (Year of copyright or last update). Title. Date of retrieval, from web address.

For example: