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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.

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| <p>Extract from an essay on Students and mobile phones:</p> <p>According to Torktumuch (2007)</p> <p>.....</p> <p>..... or use grammar correctly. (Koolfone 2005).</p> <p>“.....</p> <p>.....” (Nokia, 2008, p. 12).</p> | <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Reference List:</p> <p>Torktumuch, K. (2007). Students with Flip phones. <i>Technophobic Review</i>, 33(5), 23-34.</p> <p>Nokia, M. (2008). <i>Text-O-Rama</i>. Sydney: Dream Phones.</p> <p>Koolfone, J. F. (2005). Stay connected. Retrieved December 15, 2007, from www.TechnologyReview.com</p> |
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<http://www.library.usyd.edu.au/elearning/learn/plagiarism/index.php>

Find out more about different referencing styles at:

<http://www.library.usyd.edu.au/subjects/readyref/citing.html>

Find out about EndNote (referencing software) at:

<http://libguides.library.usyd.edu.au/endnote>

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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:

Thomas, A. (2007). *Sociology of health and health care*. Oxford: Blackwell.

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:

Taylor, S. (2007). Sociology, social research and health. In S.Taylor & D. Field (Eds.), *Sociology of health and health care*. (pp. 3-24). Oxford: Blackwell.

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:

Sweeting, A. & Vickers, E. (2007), Language and the history of colonial education - the case of Hong Kong. *Modern Asian Studies*, 41(1), 40.

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:

Department of the Environment and Water Resources. (2007). *Water resources: water for the environment*. Retrieved November 21, from <http://www.environment.gov.au/water/environmental/wetlands/about.html>.