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Referencing

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What is Referencing?

Referencing is the process of acknowledging the sources you have used in writing your assignment.



It gives the reader the information to access your sources so that they can verify your arguments and the evidence on which it is based.

What Needs to be Cited?

The general rule is that **all** information used in an assignment must be cited, including any information that you have taken and put in your own words.

Exceptions:

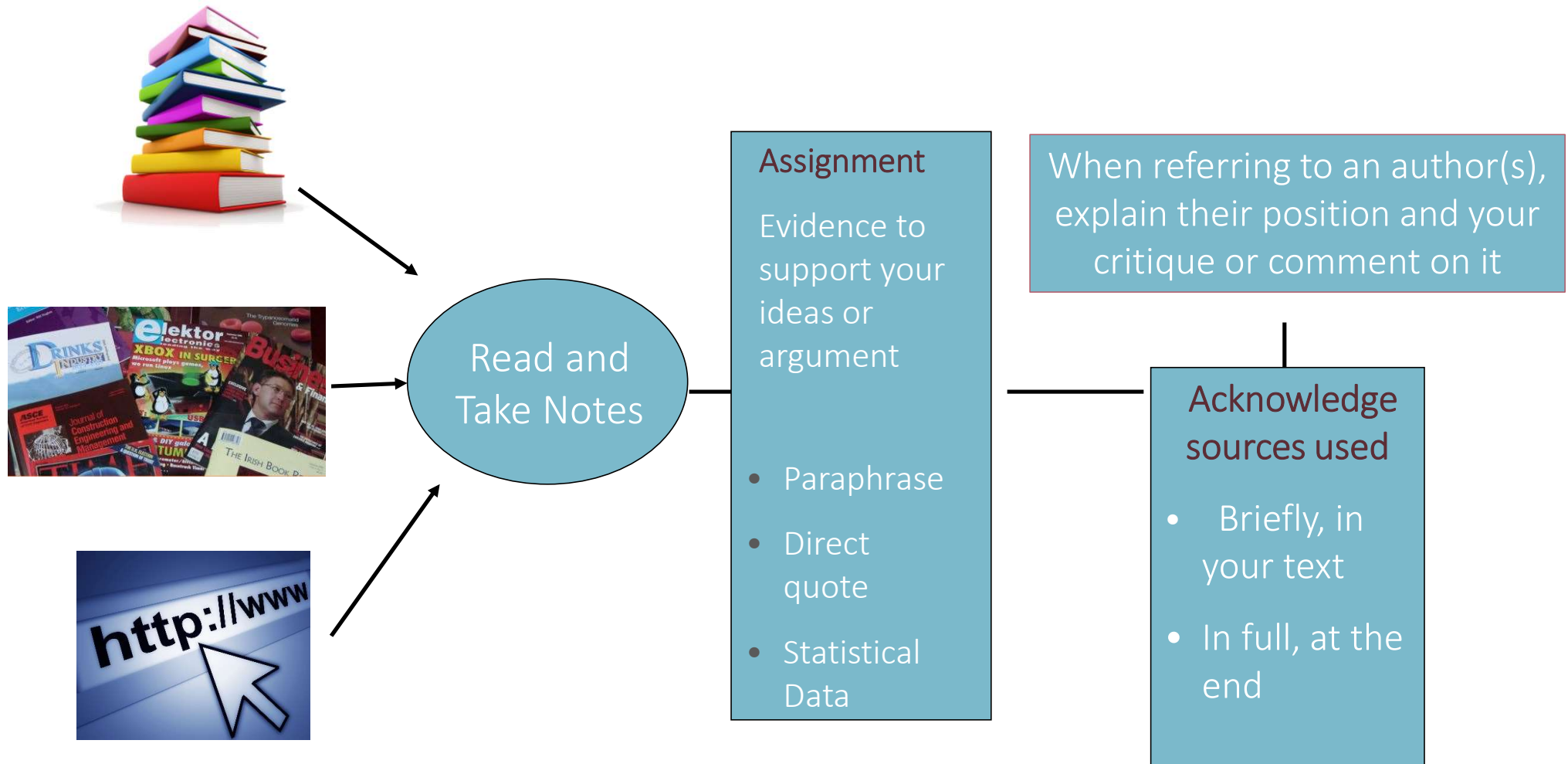
- Your own thoughts
- Facts which are common knowledge



Citation required?

	Citation required	No Citation required
Indicate a fact that is common knowledge		
Present results from your own research (e.g. surveys, experiments)		
Quote directly from a published source		
Put in your own words another author's theory or ideas		
Use an image from the web		
Use statistics or facts and figures from another source to back up your work		
Copy and paste a figure or table from another source		

Referencing in Context



Citation Styles

There are many accepted styles to present your references. Each style is a system with consistent rules about how to display a citation (including punctuation, font, capitalization and so on) within your text, footnotes, and the reference list.

Sample Styles:

Harvard (author-date)

MLA

APA

Chicago (numbered footnotes)

Harvard Style

- An **in-text citation**, that provides the following information:
 - The name of the author(s)/ editor(s) of the source
 - Year of publication
 - AND, sometimes, the page numbers you have used
- material from

AND

- A **reference list** that provides full details of the sources you have cited in your text

Example: Book with one author

In-text citation

According to Lancaster (2020) building good habits during your studies will ...

Reference list

LANCASTER, T., 2020. *Avoid plagiarism*. London: SAGE Publications.

Rules for Harvard



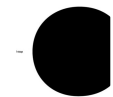
Author and year in citations
(Put in page reference, if using
quotation or citing a
figure/table)



Use 'title', if you can't find an
author



Use n.d., if you can't find year

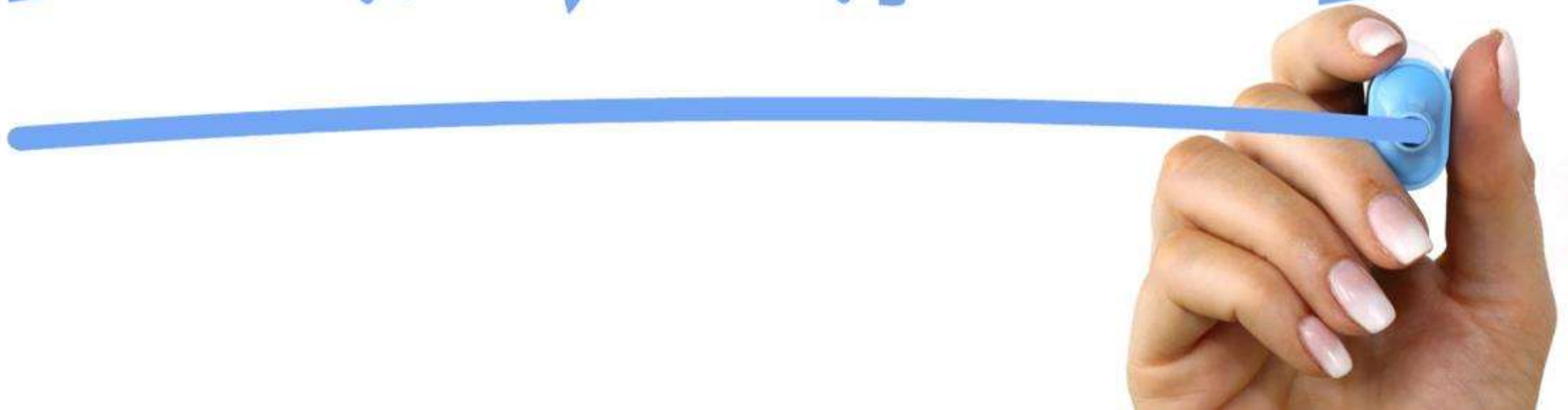


Full stop after citation (if at
end of sentence)



Use 'et al' for 4 or more
authors

EXAMPLE



Examples of In-Text Citations

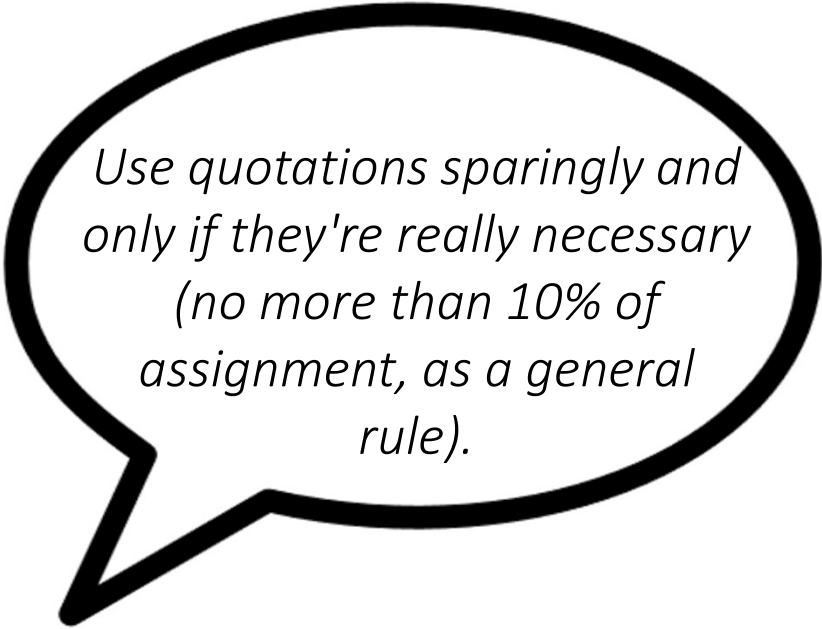
- There seems to be a correlation between students' use of the library and high degree marks (Stone & Collins 2022).
- Kelly and Morris (2021) offer a convincing argument ...
- The research of Dalton et al. (2019) has been challenged by ...
- Barnard (1998, p. 11) defines visual culture as “everything that can be seen”.
- According to a recent report, flu jabs are as important as travel vaccines (Department of Health 2011).

When to Reference Sources



- Quoting
- Paraphrasing
- Summarising
- Using an idea from your previous work
- Using an idea from someone else's work

Quotations



Use quotations sparingly and only if they're really necessary (no more than 10% of assignment, as a general rule).

Short
quotations
(<30
words)

Enclose the exact words
in single or double
quotation marks

Place the citation in
brackets after the
quotation or after the
author's name in the
sentence

Spero (2006, p.16) describes how “people are drowning in a toxic sea of sugar, stress, inactivity and inequality”.

Long
quotations
(>30
words)

Indent the quotation
from both margins
and type in a smaller
font. Do not use
quotation marks.

Place the citation in
brackets after the
quotation or in the
introductory sentence.

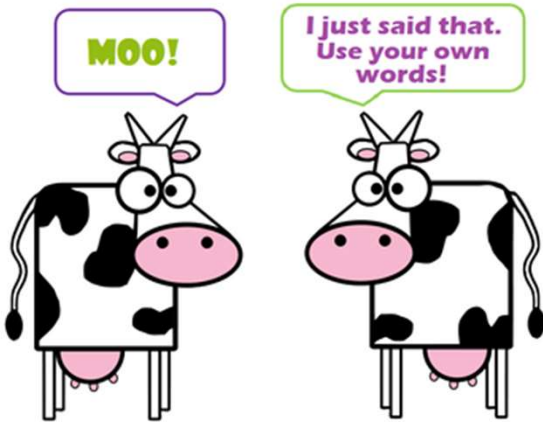
Song-writing can occur in the strangest of places:

The road can be a good place to write. The stimuli are all around - the new sights, sounds, smells, experiences that provide the base metal from which songs can be wrought. Also, there are lacunae, hours spent in transit ... An experienced hand works out the best way of using that down-time.

(Stokes 2002, p. 82).



Paraphrasing



Used to rewrite text in your own words

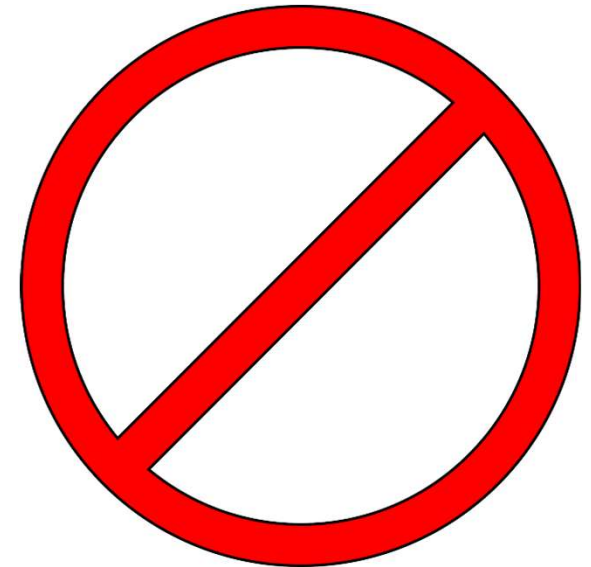
Used to clarify meaning

Used to shorten a longer statement, but keep the main ideas

Giving credit to the original author of the idea

What is not Paraphrasing

Changing	Deleting	Rearranging
Changing a couple of words	Deleting a couple of words or phrases	Rearranging the order of words





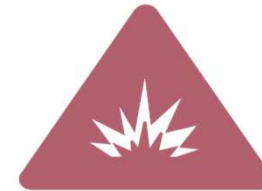
- Change the structure of the original passage
- Change the words
- Give a citation / reference

Paraphrasing Example



Original:

“Information has never been in short supply, but with the advent of new technologies and media, most notably the Internet, vast and often overwhelming amounts of information now deluge individuals around the clock” (Bellanca and Brandt 2010).



Paraphrase:

Due to advancements in technology, particularly the internet, we are now constantly bombarded with information (Bellanca and Brandt 2010).

Source: BELLANCA, J.A. & BRANDT, R.S. (eds.), 2010. *21st century skills: rethinking how students learn*. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree Press.

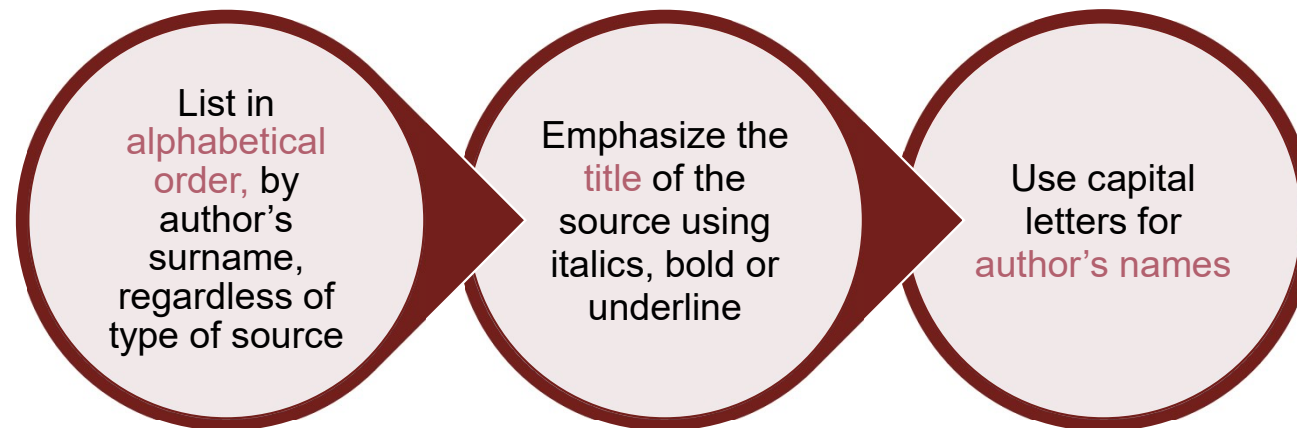
Summarising

- Provide a brief statement of the **main points** of an article, webpage, chapter or book
- Only list the **main topics** or concepts, with most detailed information left out

Example:

Nevertheless, one important study looks closely at the historical and linguistic links between European races and cultures over the past five hundred years (Harrison 2007).

Reference List



Referencing Books



Author(s):	Paul Burns
Title:	Entrepreneurship and small business: start-up, growth and maturity
Year of Publication: ©	2022
Edition (if not the first):	5th
Place of publication:	London
Publisher:	Red Globe



BURNS, P., 2022. *Entrepreneurship and small business: start-up, growth and maturity*. 5th ed. London: Red Globe.

Referencing Journal/Magazine Articles

Author(s):	Thomas A. Weber
Year of publication:	2020
Title of article:	How to Market Smart Products: Design and Pricing for Sharing Markets
Title of journal:	Journal of Management Information Systems
Volume number (if present):	37
Issue number (if present):	3
Page number(s):	631-667
DOI:	10.1080/07421222.2020.1790179



WEBER, T. A., 2020. 'How to Market Smart Products: Design and Pricing for Sharing Markets'. *Journal of Management Information Systems*, 37 (3), pp. 631-667.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07421222.2020.1790179>

Referencing a Website

Author/editor/organisation	R.T.E.
Year written (or last updated)	2022
Title	Work psychologist on creating a positive hybrid workspace
URL	https://www.rte.ie/lifestyle/living/2022/0926/1325651-work-psychologist-on-creating-a-positive-hybrid-workspace/
Date you viewed it	4th October 2022



R.T.E., 2022. *Work psychologist on creating a positive hybrid workspace*. Available from: <https://www.rte.ie/lifestyle/living/2022/0926/1325651-work-psychologist-on-creating-a-positive-hybrid-workspace/> [Viewed 4th October 2022].

Reference List Examples

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More Information



Cite them right online is a comprehensive guide to referencing almost anything you will come across in the course of your studies or research (e.g. books, journal articles, images, tv programmes etc.).



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