Referencing & Plagiarism

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In this session we will cover:

- What is referencing
- Plagiarism
- LSBU Harvard referencing
- Where to get help

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What Is Referencing?

Referencing is a way of **acknowledging** the work or ideas of another person.

In academic writing, statements are backed up by **evidence** either from the author’s own research or from other people’s work.
Why Reference?

- To acknowledge other people’s ideas
- To enable your reader to trace your sources
- To prove that you have researched a topic
- To support your ideas and arguments
- To avoid charges of plagiarism which is a serious academic offence
Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work or ideas of another as your own.

Why is it considered misconduct?
• Prevents deep learning
• Degrades academic standards
• Impacts on professional standards

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Examples of Plagiarism

• Failure to cite source of information which is not “common knowledge”

• Cutting and pasting or copying another’s words without quoting or citing

• Paraphrasing another’s words without citing

• Summarising another’s ideas or findings without citing

• Using illustrative materials such as diagrams and statistics without citing the source

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How do we reference?

In-text citation
a small reference you put inside your work at the point where you refer to a source

Reference list
Full details of a source you’ve cited in the text.
In-text citations

Format:

(Author, year) or (Author, year, page)

Examples:

… other authors have denied this (Hartley, 2019).

Hartley (2019) suggests that …

“transformation is key to …” (Hartley, 2019, p.74).
...Although there has been a paucity of research into children’s attitudes and motivation for foreign language learning, a study carried out by Higgs and Jones (2019) supports this view that learners approach the task of acquiring another language in different ways, depending upon individual characteristics such as the belief they have of themselves as language learners. Children’s beliefs play a central role in learning experience and achievements (Smith and Jack, 2015), whilst beliefs about language learning “may directly influence or even determining attitude or motivation or behaviour when learning the language in question” Department of Health, 2014, p. 155). Language learners’ self beliefs are therefore, particularly important in maintaining positive attitude and motivation in the face of difficulties and failure…
Reference list


Three or more authors

**All** authors appear in the Reference List

Only **the first named author** appears in the in-text citation

One author (Brown, 2018)
Two authors (Brown and Smith, 2018)
Three or more authors (Brown et al., 2018)

*et al.* = *et alia* = and others

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Secondary referencing

If you want to cite a work which is referenced in another work, you should try and track down the original. However, if this isn’t possible, make it clear in your text where you found the information and only include a reference to the document you’ve read.

Example: Dunn (1988), as cited by Campbell and Muncer (2018), believed …

or

Dunn (1988) revealed that … (cited in Campbell and Muncer, 2018)

Or


Your reference list will include the full details of the Campbell and Muncer work, but no mention of Dunn’s.
Referencing page

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/nursing/referencing

- LSBU style guide
- FAQs
- Plagiarism video
- Hints and tips
To reference a book, you will need the following details:
Author(s) of book
Year book was published
*Title of book* (in italics)
Edition if later than the first edition
Place the book was published
Name of publisher

Try referencing this book:

**Title:** Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology (eleventh edition)

**Authors:** Elaine B. Marieb

**Publisher:** Pearson Education, Basingstoke

**Year of publication:** 2015

What would the in-text citation be?
Surname, Initial. (Year) *Title*. 3rd ed. Place of Publication: Publisher.
Book answer:


In-text citation:

(Marieb, 2015)

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Try referencing this journal article:

**Title:** Teaching and supporting nursing students on clinical placements: Doing the right thing

**Authors:** Carina Anderson, Lorna Moxham, and Marc Broadbent

**Journal name:** In Collegian

**Year of publication:** 2018

**Volume/ issue number:** 25 (2)

**Page number(s):** 231-235

**DOI:** 10.1016/j.colegn.2017.06.005
Journal answer:


In-text citation:

(Anderson et al., 2018)

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Try referencing this website:

URL: http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-40036667

Date accessed: 9 September 2019
Website Answer:


In-text citation:

(Walsh, 2017)


Which is the correct reference?


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Which one the correct reference?


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Referencing Tips

• Take notes - Be thorough, and remember your access dates!

• Be concise – Know which ideas are the authors, not your own

• No ordering by type – Do not split into source types

• No et al. in reference list – Must list all authors in final reference

• START EARLY – Referencing requires brain power!

• Formatting all the same – Copy & Paste jobs stand out

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Is this plagiarism?

You copy and paste a paragraph of text from a website without enclosing it in quotation marks or referencing the source.

**YES**

This is definitely plagiarism. When you copy the exact words from another source you must enclose them in quotation marks and provide a reference.
Is this plagiarism?

You rewrite the words of another in your essay and don’t include a reference to their work.

**YES**

Even if you do not directly copy the author's words you must provide a reference when you refer to their work.

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Is this plagiarism?

You copy and paste an image from a free website into your essay and don’t include a reference.

YES

You must provide references to images, illustrations, diagrams, data tables etc. that you copy from other sources.

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Is this plagiarism?

You copy words from a book into your own work, place quotation marks around them and provide a reference.

NO

It is not plagiarism to copy words from another source as long as you place them in quotation marks and provide a reference.
Is this plagiarism?

You include a fact or saying in your assignment which is generally known without providing a reference.

NO

If a fact is generally well known or “common knowledge” then you don't need to reference it.
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- Referencing
- Using RefWorks

Email queries: [askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk)

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