The Complete Guide to Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism

- Why is there so much emphasis on citing sources in some written work?
- How can I be sure I am referencing sources correctly?
- What is plagiarism and how do I avoid it?

There is a great deal of emphasis on accurate referencing in written work for university students, and those writing for professional purposes, but little information on the 'when', the 'why', as well as the 'how' of referencing. This book fills that gap, giving clear guidelines on how to correctly cite from external sources, what constitutes plagiarism and how it can be avoided.

A unique feature of the book is the comparisons it makes between different referencing styles – such as Harvard, APA, MLA and Numerical referencing styles – which are shown side-by-side. This provides a useful guide for students as they progress through higher education, and particularly for those on combined studies courses – who may be expected to use two, and sometimes three, different referencing styles.

Other special features in the book include:
- Essays demonstrating referencing in action
- Exercises on when to reference, and on what is, and what is not, plagiarism
- A ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section on the referencing issues that most often puzzle people
- A detailed guide to referencing electronic sources, and advice on how to choose reliable Internet sites

The Complete Guide to Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism is essential reading for all students and professionals who need to use referencing to accurately reflect the work of others and avoid plagiarism.

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Preface

The title of this book is a somewhat impertinent one, for reasons that will become clearer later in this preface. The book is likely to be of interest to you if you are currently studying in higher education or on a pre-degree course in a school or college. It presents, discusses and gives you examples of the main referencing systems found in higher education in Britain. However, it also tries to explain the principles of referencing: a practice that often worries, exasperates or baffles many students.

It also describes and illustrates, what often seems to the casual observer, the often small differences between the main referencing styles applied in Britain. They may be small differences, but their academic guardians will often fiercely defend the referencing styles described in this book. Particular referencing styles are adopted by subject disciplines, for reasons linked to history, professional practice, or for reasons of personal whimsy by heads of department – and defended thereafter by them, often out of sheer cussedness, against administrators who try to introduce uniformity of referencing practice across an institution.

The guide, I hope, may prove particularly useful to those of you who encounter a range of referencing styles in your progression through pre-degree, undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Undergraduates, for example, on a combined studies degree, may find themselves having to reference sources in two or more styles as they encounter different disciplines, with each discipline wedded to its own referencing style preference. The graduate may then move on to a postgraduate programme and encounter a completely new referencing style – and with tutors insistent that they meticulously cite and reference their sources in line with departmental practice.

Although the author–date (Harvard) referencing style appears to be a significant one in higher education in Britain (see results of a survey, Chapter 5), the American Psychological Association (APA) and Modern Languages Association (MLA) styles still retain their firm holds respectively in psychology and language disciplines. In addition, numerical referencing styles, including those recommended by the Modern Humanities research Association (MHRA) and Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), still maintain a strong presence in a wide range of humanities, science and technology courses.

However, although the author–date (Harvard) referencing style, followed by the two numerical styles, appear to be most significant referencing styles in Britain, the benchmark guides for their application, British Standard recommendations, are less satisfactory, compared with others, particularly APA and MLA. The referencing style guides produced by the APA, MLA, MHRA and IEEE are all written by their respective associations in clear prose, with easy to follow referencing examples and with the rules of the referencing game spelt out unambiguously to their disciples.

British Standard (BS), however, presents the author–date (Harvard) and two numerical
styles in a rather desiccated and unimaginative way, and one reads with no great sur-
prise that a committee comprised of representatives from 19 bodies were responsible
for drafting them. The examples presented in the BS recommendations also do not
seem quite to connect with the sources the average student, outside Oxbridge,
encounters and applies in Britain today. No wonder then, that the transformation of
author–date (Harvard) and numerical style references, from 'British-Standard speak'
into more accessible, student-friendly prose, has been undertaken over the years by
countless librarians, editors, study skills advisers and publishers.

In the process, however, each interpretation has been distilled with the essence of the
individual writer. Most adapters of BS recommendations have kept to BS recommenda-
tions for presenting the order of elements in references, but you will find subtle vari-
atations on BS wherever you look. British Standard, for example, illustrates full source
references showing:

- Name(s) of authors or organizations in upper case
- Year of publication not enclosed in parenthesis.

However, institutional variations have emerged. Some institutions, in their refer-
cencing guidelines to students, follow British Standard and illustrate author names in
upper case, while many others do not; and it is almost universal practice in UK institu-
tions now to illustrate author–date (Harvard) references with the year shown in
parenthesis.

What appears to have happened is that Harvard and APA styles, because of their
similarities, have merged gradually into a referencing hybrid. There are still differences
between Harvard and APA to be observed – as this book shows – but these are akin to
parents knowing the difference between their identical twin children. Pity then the
poor student asked to use both Harvard and APA styles on a combined studies degree
and who has to work out the differences between them!

So, faced with the myriad subtle institutional versions of Harvard and a lesser num-
ber of numeric referencing guidelines to choose from, which one does this author
choose? Like most guides to referencing, this one is somewhat of a hybrid too, in that I
have followed the BS order of elements in references, but deviated by using the wide-
spread practice of placing the year in parenthesis for Harvard referencing.

On the other hand, I have followed the British Standard examples by using upper
case with author or organizational names, as this tends to distinguish and highlight the
author from other elements in the source. I have also followed the recommendation of
British Standard to keep capitalization in the title to a minimum, as this in line with the
advice in many contemporary writing style guides.

So, and this is where the impertinence in my opening sentence comes in; it is prob-
ably impossible to produce a definitive and ‘true’ guide to referencing that embraces
the Harvard and British versions of the numerical styles, given the subtle variations
that abound. The guide is, therefore, as ‘complete’ as a mortal being can make it in
the face of these differences.

What I have done, however, is to try and explain why you should reference in the
first place, explain the main differences in referencing style, and give examples of the
most commonly used assignment sources in Britain today – plus a few that are uncom-
mon. Once the principles of referencing are understood, and with some examples to
guide them, you should be able to work out how to reference the sources you are likely
to encounter on most courses.

But surely a book on referencing is an anachronism when today you can use refer-
cencing management software to find sources and organize your bibliographies? You
would think so, but it is not yet the case. As I argue in Chapter 3, although the software
is often freely available to students within their own institutions, it can be time con-
suming to use and to master, and many simply do not bother. The available software
does not yet solve all information retrieval, citation and referencing problems, and a
universal, easy to use referencing software management system has yet to arrive on the
scene. It undoubtedly will arrive in due course, but for the moment, and perhaps even
then, this book has some modest expectations of life. For, despite the advance of soft-
ware, the book and other printed forms still retain the advantages of their
flexible, easy to use formats. However, I would say that, wouldn’t I?

Sources and influences

The sources for referencing examples presented in this book are based on guidelines
and recommendations from the following:

• For author–date (Harvard) and British Standard numerical referencing styles (Numeric
  and Running-notes): British Standard Institution (BS) guidelines: 5605: 1990: Re-
  commendations for citing and referencing published material; BS 1629:1989: Re-
  commendation for references to published materials; BS 5261–1:2000: Copy
  preparation and proof correction – part 1: design and layout of documents; BS ISO
  690–2:1997 Information and documentation – bibliographic references – part 2: Elec-
  tronic documents or parts thereof
• For variants on the British Standard Numeric referencing style, the following sources
  were used: IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Transactions, jour-
  nals, and letters: information for author (2006); for the Vancouver style numeric
  system, the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors Uniform require-
  ments for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals: sample references (2006);
  and for MHRA: Modern Humanities Research Association, the 2002 edition of the
  MHRA style guide: a handbook for authors, editors and writers of thesis
• For author–date (APA): American Psychological Association (2005), Concise rules of
  APA style
• For author–page (MLA): Gibaldi (2003), The MLA Handbook for Writers.

I have also drawn on the guidelines on referencing legal sources produced by the
Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities, produced by the Faculty of Law,
University of Oxford. Other useful sources have been the British Standard BS 6371:1983
Recommendations for citation of unpublished documents; and the guidelines suggested
by Li and Crane in their book, Electronic styles: a handbook for citing electronic informa-
tion (1996). Other publications also consulted and found to be particularly helpful were
Pears and Shields (2005) Cite them right: the essential guide to referencing and plagiarism;

This guide to referencing then, offers advice and examples of referencing that will help you to reference sources in a consistent way – and in a way that connects recognizably and conscientiously with a particular and identifiable referencing style.
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It is an expected academic practice that students will refer to (or cite) the sources of ideas, data and other evidence in written assignments. Referencing is the practice of acknowledging in your own writing the intellectual work of others; work that has been presented in some way into the public domain.

As you progress through different levels of study in higher education, you are expected to be increasingly more critical of ideas and theories, and their application in models and practices, and how this criticism includes an awareness, and acknowledgement, of the source of ideas. Ideas are often a product of a particular period of history and of the social, economic, and cultural norms and values of that time. Therefore, your sources inform and alert the reader to the origins of the ideas, theories, models or practices under discussion.

Education needs ideas, arguments and perspectives to thrive, but these have to be tested rigorously and subjected to the critical scrutiny of others. This is done by researching, preparing and presenting work to the public domain. This is a formidable task for any writer or commentator, and one that can take years to achieve. Referencing is, then, about respecting and honouring the hard work of writers and commentators – by acknowledging them in your assignments.

Referencing can also help you to find your own voice in assignments, by helping you write essays and reports that project or reflect the way you see or perceive things. Evidence presented and correctly referenced supports and strengthens your opinions – and converts them into arguments.

But despite all these worthy reasons, many students find referencing a pain, a mechanistic chore and a complete bore. Referencing styles adopted may vary from one department to another within the same institution, and even then there may be inconsistencies among tutors in how these styles are interpreted and applied. You may find that, even if a particular style has been adopted, some tutors do not seem to pay

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much regard to how you present evidence, as long as you do, and it generally seems in line with the adopted style; while others will swoop on mistakes, if the adopted referencing style is not applied correctly and precisely.

Some students on combined studies course have to adapt to the required referencing styles of different departments, which may mean getting to grips with two or even three styles of referencing, plus all the varieties of interpretation and application among teaching staff.

How the book will help you

This book presents an overview of the main referencing styles currently applied in British schools, colleges, and in higher education. It is aimed at students, pre-degree, undergraduate and on postgraduate courses, and will explain:

• The why of referencing – the academic rationale for all styles of referencing and the principles underpinning the practice
• The when of referencing – when to reference, and when it is not necessary
• The how of referencing. The main differences between referencing styles in Britain will be described, and illustrated with examples of the types of sources that you will undoubtedly want to refer to in your assignments.

It will also discuss the thorny issue of plagiarism, and how important referencing is to avoid accusations of cheating.

The roots of referencing

Referencing is not a new idea. Grafton (1997) provides us with a history of footnote referencing and has traced the origins of this practice back to Roman jurists who ‘provided very precise references to the earlier legal treatises they drew upon’ (p.29–30). In other early manuscripts annotation, glosses or explanations were included to connect the finished work to its sources.

However, it was the invention of printing in the late fifteenth century that made ideas more accessible and established the notion of an author. The growth of printing encouraged people to write and to make a living from their ideas and talent for writing. It also encouraged the cult of personality, and the emergence and promotion of artists distinguished by their style of writing (Eisenstein 1983).

However, it also made ideas more vulnerable, and authors became increasingly concerned that others were stealing their work and passing it off as their own. The Statute of Anne, passed into law on 10 April 1710, was the first Copyright Act in the world; it established both copyright for the authors of books and other writings, and the principle of a fixed term of protection against piracy for published works. The Act also
included provision for depositing nine copies of a book to principal libraries in Britain. Subsequent copyright laws extended the range of work and the terms and provisions of protection involved.

The development of printing also standardized the practice of annotation into printed footnotes. These appeared within scholarly works from the eighteenth century onwards, and served a dual purpose for an author. They provided a way for an author to identify his sources in a work, as well as insert radical, witty or ironical personal comment, but outside the main text (Grafton 1997, p.229). Authors could thus parade their credentials of erudition and wit to the increasingly educated world.

References appeared in textbooks in footnotes and were referred to in the text by printers' symbols, including asterisks and daggers. Other referencing styles evolved from this, including an in-text author-date (Harvard) style that does indeed appear to have its modern origins at Harvard University. It appears to have emerged from a referencing practice developed by Edward Laurens Mark, professor of anatomy and director of Harvard's zoological laboratory, who in turn appears to have been inspired by a cataloguing system in the Library of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology (Chernin 1988). However, Grafton trumps this, by identifying a thirteenth-century example of in-text source referencing (1997, p.31).

The development and growth of universities in the nineteenth century in Europe and the USA resulted in the mass examination of student knowledge by way of essays and examinations. There was a rigorous testing of knowledge and, as part of this, students were expected to cite the origins of ideas and offer detailed analysis and interpretation of sources. Citing and analysing the works of authors became a way for students to demonstrate their scholarly engagement with a text.

In the twentieth century, a range of referencing styles has developed, all building on these earlier foundations. Most universities allow for a variety of referencing styles to be used, although there may be attempts, sometimes fiercely resisted, to impose one style on to all disciplines. These adopted styles usually flow from historical associations of disciplines to particular referencing styles or flow from the recommendations of professional associations, who represent the copyright interests of their members.

Copyright laws today in Britain protect the manifestation of ideas into print or other tangible forms. It is not the ideas themselves that are protected, but the expression of these in tangible and publicly accessible work. Referencing represents the formal recognition of this work. In effect, you are saying to the author or creator: ‘I recognize that you and your publisher have presented this idea in a particular and public way to the world’.

Referencing and society

The importance given to referencing in Britain is not universal, and students studying in Britain from other countries are often surprised by the emphasis attached to it by institutions. This emphasis can, however, be understood in relation to the type of society that exists here: arguably, one characterized by a democratic form of individualism. In countries characterized by individualism, which includes competition,
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self-interest, self-reliance and personal achievement, the respect for copyright is usually strong (Hampden-Turner and Trompenaars 2000).

However, other countries have societies that can be seen as ideologically more collective, and where people are more willing to sublimate their individuality to the benefit of the community as a whole. In this context ideas are regarded as being more in the public domain: to be shared and used for self or community improvement. Copying is widely practised as a legitimate form of sharing ideas with others, without the necessity to refer continually to a named originator (Yang 2005, p.286, citing Kuanpoth 2002). While this may be generally true, there appears to be, even within this cultural context, variations on the practices (see Ha 2006, discussed in Chapter 4 of this book).

Referencing in Britain, has to be seen, not just in an academic, but also in a social and political context. It is part of a societal value system that vigorously supports the idea of the intellectual property rights of others. It is this support for intellectual property that is a significant driving force in Britain to tackle what is seen as a growing problem of plagiarism in education.

Witch-hunts?

Plagiarism: even the word is ugly, with its connotations of plague and pestilence. Chapter 4 deals with this issue in more depth, but suffice to say at this point that plagiarism is currently an issue of major concern in higher education, and has been since the mid-1990s. However, the intense focus on the issue has also resulted in some cynicism, resistance or counter-blast to what is regarded as an overzealous hunt for plagiarists by academics and institutions. Levin (2003), for example, refers to the ‘witch-hunts’ within British universities to root out plagiarism.

The concern about plagiarism has led to more attention being focused on the importance of careful referencing practice as the antidote to plagiarism. But this is not without its critics. Angélil-Carter (2000), for example, refers to tutors who regard over-emphasis on referencing, as ‘a fetish which is engaged in to substitute thinking’ (p.130). And Levin feels that requiring students to cite every source they have drawn on is akin to, ‘insisting they learn to dance with their shoes tied together’ (2003, p.7). He argues, ‘It’s high time that academics and administrators recognised that some unconscious plagiarism in students’ work is inevitable and perfectly reasonable’ (p.9). Levin’s point is that students can get bogged down by the responsibility of tracing sources to back-up their assertions, to the detriment of their ability to write independently. Subsequently they do not progress beyond the ‘stages of selecting/copying and translating’ in their assignments (p.7).

It can be argued that all imitative learning is plagiarism. We use ideas from other people all the time, weave them into our working and academic lives, gradually taking ownership of them until we eventually forget who influenced us in the first place; referencing becomes difficult, if not impossible, in some situations (see Angélil-Carter 2000; Pennycook 1996; Lensmire and Beals 1994). However, plagiarism, in an academic context, refers to a deliberate decision not to acknowledge the work of others in
assignments – or deliberately ignoring an obligation to do this. But more later on plagiarism (see Chapter 4).

What else is to come?

The remainder of the book has this to offer:

Chapter 2 Why reference? This looks in more detail at the principles of, and rationale for, referencing that were touched on in this chapter.

Chapter 3 What, when and how to reference. This chapter advises you when referencing is necessary, and when it is not. It also includes advice on effective note-making strategies to help you organize your sources, and a quiz is included to test your knowledge of when to reference.

Chapter 4 Plagiarism. This picks up the points made earlier in this chapter and looks in more detail at the issue of plagiarism and its relationship with referencing. The chapter advises you how to avoid plagiarism and includes two exercises: one to test your understanding of plagiarism; the other to look at the issue of copy and paste from the Internet.

Chapter 5 Referencing styles. This presents the range of referencing styles you may encounter on courses in Britain and looks at the differences between them. The chapter also includes a survey, undertaken by the author, of the predominant referencing styles in UK higher education.

Chapter 6 Harvard style of referencing. This chapter looks in detail at the Harvard style, and includes referencing examples. It also includes an undergraduate essay illustrating Harvard in action, and presents a postgraduate essay with citations removed, to test your understanding of when and how to reference within this style. More attention has been given to this style in response to the survey result, outlined in Chapter 5, and because the benchmark guidelines for using this style in Britain tend to be more ambiguous, compared with the others featured in later chapters.

Chapter 7 American Psychological Association (APA) and Modern Languages Association (MLA) referencing styles. These styles will be discussed and examples of references presented. The differences, often small, between Harvard and APA styles will also be highlighted.

Chapter 8 Numerical referencing styles. The British Standard numerical styles – Running-notes and Numeric – and variants on these – Vancouver style, IEEE and MHRA – are discussed and examples presented.

Chapter 9 Frequently asked questions. Common questions about referencing are answered here. These include the difference between references and a bibliography; how to reference secondary sources; referencing multiple authors; and how to use punctuation within referencing.

Chapter 10 Referencing in action. This chapter presents examples of referencing. You are presented with a range of sources and comparative examples of how to reference within the Harvard, APA, MLA and British Standard numerical styles.
This may prove useful if you are having to use different referencing styles within the same institution or as you progress through education and encounter different referencing styles along the way. To illustrate a range of particular evidence examples, the chapter includes sources from a range of disciplines, including science and technology, social sciences and the humanities. However, for students using MLA, or APA, some source examples, e.g. from technology, are unlikely to fall within their province of study. I hope, however, they will take the point that the examples are illustrative of referencing style differences generally, and they can be adapted to suit their own disciplines. The chapter also touches on yet another referencing style for students on law courses: the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA).
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**Principles of referencing**

Why reference? Walker and Taylor (1998, pp.11–15), argue that all styles of referencing are underpinned by five principles. The first of these establishes a rationale for all referencing styles and the other four establish a framework for referencing practice within all referencing styles.

1 **The principle of intellectual property.** As discussed in the previous section, Western concepts of plagiarism are based on an economic model of capitalism and the notion that someone can claim ownership of an idea if it has been presented in a ‘fixed’ way, for example, published or presented in the public domain.

2 **The principle of access.** References help readers easily and quickly identify and locate documents referred to in a text. This helps to spread knowledge, as the reader may then be able to use the information for his or her own learning purposes.

3 **The principle of economy.** The references should include as much information as necessary to help readers locate the sources cited. However, they should also be presented in such a way as to reduce the need for lengthy explanations in the text, and to speed up the process of reading.

4 **The principle of standardization.** References should be presented in such a way that allows everyone who has learned the practice to recognize and understand the meaning of codes and formulas presented. Different styles of referencing build a standardized framework for this to happen.

5 **The principle of transparency.** There must be no ambiguity in terms and expressions used.
Why referencing is important

There are at least nine reasons why referencing is important:

1 Tracing the origin of ideas

Academic study involves not just presenting and describing ideas, but also being aware of where they came from, who developed them, why and when. The ‘when’ is particularly important. Ideas, models, theories and practices originate from somewhere and someone. These are often shaped by the social norms and practices prevailing at the time and place of their origin and the student in higher education needs to be aware of these influences. Referencing, therefore, plays an important role in helping to locate and place ideas and arguments in their historical, social, cultural and geographical contexts.

For example, in 1968, a sociologist, Ken Roberts, argued then that the opportunity structure of a local area was the main determinant of work entered into by most working-class young people. Young people entered work in groups, into local factories or other significant local workplaces. He reached his conclusions at a time when it was possible for groups of young people from the same community to move from school together, to work together in one place close to their homes. Career ‘choice’ was, according to Roberts, largely an illusion, as it was often circumscribed by the occupational limits of the local community, combined with strong parental and neighbourhood influences.

However, in recent years Roberts has broadened his position in response to the decline of manufacturing industries that once dominated local labour markets. Young people, in theory anyway, have more work ‘choices’ now within a wider range of service sector jobs. Roberts would still argue, nevertheless, that these so-called choices continue to be circumscribed by boundaries of social class and peer pressures (Roberts 2001).

The year of the original study, 1968, might alert you to the very different economic scene prevailing at the time, and it is likely you would hesitate to advance the 1968 ideas of Roberts as the last word on the subject. It is likely that you would want to trace a developmental path from the original idea to the present time, by linking Roberts’ ideas with changes in the economy and changes in social class composition, attitudes and values.
Roberts in 1968, was influenced by colleagues who came before him, and they by those before them, and so it goes on. Learning builds on learning. However, like trying to discover the ‘real’ source of a mighty river, there are often many contributory networks to knowledge, and it is sometimes impossible to work back to the beginning and to the origin of an idea. This point is pursued in Chapter 4 on plagiarism.

All you can do, sometimes, is to reference a source; a source that is immediately relevant to your assignment and particular argument and one that appears to be reliable and valid in relation to the arguments presented by you.

Students as they progress through their studies become more aware that ideas presented by authors are not infallible simply because they are printed, and they learn that the best marks are gained by challenging ideas, looking for flaws in arguments and for exceptions to the rule. They become more aware, as Penrose and Geisler (1994) observe, that:

- Authors present knowledge in the form of claims.
- Knowledge claims can conflict.
- Knowledge claims can be tested.
- This testing is part of the student’s role in higher education, particularly at postgraduate level.

2 Building a web of ideas

Knowledge connects and spreads: the past connects with the present and has an impact on the future. As you build your argument in an assignment, it is rather like a spider building its web. You build carefully engineered connections between ideas. You advance an argument in one section, but then counter it with another threaded and connected group of ideas, each supported by its own referenced evidence. But you have at the centre, your own position, your own place in the scheme of things; your point of view.

3 Finding your own voice

Many students when they enter higher education are confused about a gap they perceive between the conventions of academic writing, and the need to make their own points in essays. Some tutors will, on the one hand, encourage students to develop their own ideas, while emphasizing the need for them to cite and refer to the work of experts in the particular subject area. Other tutors will encourage personal opinions in assignments, while others will not. This apparent confusion can sometimes result in assignments that are an unsuccessful blend of the personal and the academic.

In written assignments, many of your tutors will expect you to write in an ‘academic way’, which includes distancing yourself somewhat from the subject, using a third person style of writing, and referencing to support the ideas you present. Whether this style of third person writing is still appropriate today, is an issue I will return to in Chapter 4.

Most lecturers would agree that that their role is to encourage you to develop your own opinions and to formulate your own arguments, while remaining open-minded.
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and objective. In this way, academic knowledge is advanced as students begin to challenge or adapt existing ideas, theories and practices. Referencing, in this situation is the means to help to build your own personal web of arguments and to give credibility to the information you present in assignments.

You may have to write in a way that is not ‘you’, in terms of writing style. However, the perspective you take, the idea you present and the conclusion you reach can all be your choice; referencing helps this process. The selection of evidence to support your own perspectives is subjective – and is an important way for you to find your own credible voice in higher education.

The process is summarized in the flowchart in Fig. 2.1.

4 Validity of arguments

To be taken seriously, you must present valid evidence in assignments. Aristotle, around 350 BC, argued that persuasive rhetoric included Logos: appeals to logic to persuade an audience through sound reasoning. This is done by the presentation of reliable evidence, usually in the form of facts, definitions, statistics and other data that has an appeal to the intelligence of a particular audience. This ageless principle can be applied equally to written arguments. Referencing reliable and valid evidence in assignments has such an appeal to the intelligence of the reader.

Referencing also enables your tutors to check for themselves the accuracy and validity of the evidence presented. In particular, they will want to ensure you are using ideas from the past in a way that is relevant or original to the assignment topic under discussion. Do not assume tutors have read everything on the subject; they may be unfamiliar with the work you cite, so may need to check it themselves.

5 Spreading knowledge

Referencing also presents an opportunity for the tutor and other readers to advance their own knowledge. It gives them the possibility of tracing the sources you cite and using the same evidence for their own purposes. You have probably discovered already how useful bibliographies and lists of references at the end of journal articles can be in identifying other related sources for your own research. Once you start following up sources in bibliographies, it can open up a fascinating trail of knowledge. One source leads to another; you begin to build your own web of learning around a subject.

6 An appreciation

As stated earlier, education needs ideas, arguments and perspectives to thrive. But these have to be tested rigorously and subjected to the critical scrutiny of others. This is done by researching, preparing and presenting work into the public domain, which, as was noted earlier, is a formidable task for any writer, and one that can take years sometimes to achieve. Referencing is then, also about giving appreciation: a modest genuflection to the work of others. It is about showing courtesy and respect, and about honouring the hard work of writers and commentators – by acknowledging them in your assignments.
You can present an argument in an assignment by:

1. Stating your point of view early in the assignment and presenting a clear and consistent rationale to support it.

2. Offering **reliable evidence**, or illustrative examples, to support your argument. This is evidence that you have read in reputable and authoritative texts, articles, newspapers, Internet sites and so on.

3. Showing where this evidence has come from: by citing your sources and listing all your sources in the reference or bibliography section at the end of your assignment.

4. Showing that you are aware of, and have considered, arguments that are counter to your own. You will need to summarize counter-arguments in a clear, accurate and undistorted way.

5. Being able to show why you have decided that the arguments you have chosen to advance are more convincing for you than others.

**FIGURE 2.1** Flowchart of argument presentation process
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7 Influences
Tutors will be also interested in your list of references or bibliography to identify which authors or sources have been influential in moulding or shaping the direction taken by you in your research. They may, as a result, offer comment on the absence or inclusion of any particular commentator or theorist in an assignment. Your sources may also occasionally help your tutors, by introducing new authors and ideas to them, thus broadening their own knowledge.

8 Marking criteria
The selection of relevant evidence and accurate referencing is an important element in the marking of assignments, particularly at postgraduate level. Accurate referencing can often make the difference between a pass, a credit or a distinction. Accurate referencing is also a tangible demonstration to your tutor of your research, intellectual integrity and the care you have taken in preparing to write the assignment.

9 Avoid plagiarism
Finally, accurate referencing will help you to avoid being accused of plagiarism. There is a grey area between deliberate cheating and carelessness with referencing – or ignorance of it. However, more on this later.
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What, when and how to reference

References and bibliographies • What to reference • Choosing sources • When to reference • When you do not need to reference • How to reference • Bibliographic software • Quiz

This section of the book is about the range of sources that can be referenced, and about the criteria for evaluating them, particularly Internet sources. It is also about the occasions when you should reference – and when it is not necessary. But first, let us look at the difference between references and bibliographies.

References and bibliographies

What is the difference between a list of ‘References’ and a ‘Bibliography’? The terms are often used synonymously, but there is a difference in meaning between them.

- **References** are the items you have read and **specifically referred to** (or cited) in your assignment.
- A **bibliography** is a list of everything you read in preparation for writing an assignment. A bibliography will, therefore, normally contain sources that you have cited **and** those you found to be influential but decided not to cite. A bibliography can give a tutor an overview of which authors have influenced your ideas and arguments even if you do not specifically refer to them.

At the end of your assignment you will produce a list that is headed either
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‘Bibliography’ or ‘References’ (Table 3.1), unless you have been asked by your tutor to include both in the assignment. (The MLA style of referencing refers to these lists respectively as ‘Works Consulted’ and ‘Works Cited’.)

Table 3.1 References and bibliographies

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<tr>
<th>Bibliography (or ‘Works consulted’)</th>
<th>References (or ‘Works cited’)</th>
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<tr>
<td>If you wish to list the sources you made specific reference to (cited) in your assignment, and give details of other sources consulted, (but not directly cited), then you can include all the sources under one sub-heading: ‘Bibliography’</td>
<td>If, however, you have cited – made specific reference to – all the sources you consulted in the assignment, your list will be headed ‘References’</td>
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<tr>
<td>However, do not be tempted to include items you have not read in order to impress the tutor. If you, for example, include an item you have not actually read, the tutor may challenge you as to why you have not directly referred to a significant author listed or apparently not been influenced by their work in your assignment</td>
<td>If you make a point of reading selectively, it is likely that you will make use of everything you read and refer directly to it in your assignment. In that event, it will be perfectly correct to just have a ‘References’ list instead of a ‘Bibliography’; it will certainly not go against you</td>
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What to reference

You can cite references taken from a range of sources, e.g.:

- Books written by a single author
- Multiple edited books with contributions from a range of different authors
- Reference books of all types
- Notes supplied by a lecturer
- Legal documents
- Articles from journals
- Newspaper articles
- Reports of various kinds, e.g. official reports from government departments, university working papers, etc.
- Papers presented at conferences
- Internet sources, including weblogs (blogs) and email correspondence (but see below)
- DVD/CD databases
- Radio/television/videos/audio cassette/CD-ROMS
- Interview transcripts
- Cinema films, theatre plays and other creative productions
- Illustrations
- Song lyrics and other original musical works
- Works of art and design
In short, most information that has been written, recorded, filmed or presented in the public domain in some way to others can potentially be used. There is no point in referencing anything that cannot be read, heard or seen by another who wants to find the same source. So personal conversations on the telephone, for example, can be mentioned in the text of an assignment but cannot be referenced, unless there is some audio or written record of the discussion that can be heard or read by others. Emails can be both cited in the text of an assignment and referenced, providing you save them and make them available to your tutor. Interviews you conduct for research can also be cited in the text, and referenced, provided you have evidence that the interview took place. This can take the form of an audio recording, a completed questionnaire, a transcript or notes taken at the time.

Choosing sources

The important thing is to choose reliable sources that give credence, authority and support to the ideas and arguments that you present. Your tutor will suggest a range of reliable sources, and this will be your starting point, but you will also be expected to look beyond the recommended reading and search out relevant information for yourself. If you do this, and connect to your assignment relevant evidence gained from additional reading, this can sometimes make the difference between a pass and a distinction grade.

In this respect, you will find that recommended books and other sources will prove – because of the accurate referencing that has gone into them – to be rich veins of additional information. If you read a particular chapter as a starting point for research into an assignment topic, the references or bibliography will often point you in the right direction of other relevant sources.

There are four main sets of questions (see Table 3.2) you can ask of any source, concerning:

1. Relevance and bias
2. Currency
3. Accuracy

When to reference

When to reference? There is no referencing practice more likely to confuse students than: ‘When exactly should I reference?’ This is a recurring question, and one that can produce, unfortunately, a range of different answers from tutors.

Angéll-Carter (2000), for example, found inconsistencies among staff at one higher education institution in South Africa, particularly in the area of what constituted
common knowledge, which does not need referencing. ‘Common knowledge’ to one tutor was not always the same to another, even in the same subject area. I will come back to this later in the chapter.

However, Angélil-Carter also noted inconsistencies of approach to assessing students who were regarded as more authoritative (or brighter) than others. Students who wrote well, with confidence, ease and authority, appeared to be shown more latitude with regards to referencing. An example was given of a confident, articulate student, who offered her tutors a ‘lubricated journey’ through her assignments, which were ‘unsnagged by linguistic problems’. This student was granted some latitude and was, ‘therefore, not required to reference all her sources’, and was also unlikely to be accused of plagiarism (p.86).

Students of apparently high ability were allowed more freedom to present unreferenced summaries and commentaries of their own; and, in particular, they were given more latitude regarding ‘common knowledge’ and in expressing, ostensibly, their own views on a set essay topic. Angélil-Carter’s examples appear to illustrate a ‘halo effect’, where bright students receive less critical attention from their tutors if their writing is fluent, authoritative and their referencing generally sound. Minor digressions of referencing were overlooked, in comparison with the criticism less able students received for their lack of referencing expertise.

In the Angélil-Carter study, for example, this double-standard appears to originate from the frustration tutors felt when marking assignments they regarded as lacking in credibility due to poor writing style, which included lack of ability with referencing:

let’s put it this way. If I thought there was a whole lot of unreferenced stuff . . . I might well, sort of blow my top and sort of say, where the hell is the reference for

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**Table 3.2 Interrogating sources**

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<th><strong>Relevance and bias</strong></th>
<th><strong>Currency</strong></th>
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<td>To what extent is the source relevant and applicable to the assignment?</td>
<td>When was the source originally published?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Does the information presented give a partial or restricted view of the subject?</td>
<td>You need to ask if the ideas expressed are a product of a particular time and place in history that no longer applies today</td>
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<td>How balanced and objective does the language in the source appear to be?</td>
<td>Has the author revised or changed his or her views since the date of the original source? If so, when, why and how?</td>
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<td>Are counter-arguments to the author’s own ideas treated with respect? If not, why not?</td>
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<th><strong>Authority</strong></th>
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<td>Is the source authoritative enough to be included in the assignment? For example, is the source a credible one, e.g. a reputable publishing company or a peer-reviewed journal?</td>
<td>How universal or general are the ideas, models or practices described in the source?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Do other authors refer to and discuss this source?</td>
<td>Do they have a limited geographical or occupational application?</td>
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<tr>
<td>How credible is the source to you? You can turn your own reservations into a starting point of critical enquiry about it</td>
<td>Do the ideas in the source span a range of cultures or are they just applicable to particular groups?</td>
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that? But if it is generally referenced then I’m not going to get upset about that, so I think the context of referencing is probably quite important.

(Tutor quoted by Angélil-Carter 2000, p.86)

This type of tutor frustration is not uncommon in Britain, and is a manifestation of a problem that has surfaced in recent years about falling standards in student writing. A Nuffield Review survey, for example, of 250 academics at 21 UK universities found widespread concern about the writing skills of new undergraduates (Wilde et al. 2006). The Confederation of British Industry (CBI), in the same year, also announced that nearly a quarter of employers (23 per cent) were not satisfied with graduates’ basic literacy and use of English (CBI 2006).

The UK government’s widening participation agenda of the late 1990s and early twenty-first century has resulted in an increase in the numbers of students entering higher education. This has increased the teaching and marking workload of teaching staff, and can result in increased impatience of lecturers with marking poorly written assignments. This impatience can extend to criticizing the referencing ability of students, if this is perceived as another contributory factor to an overall poor piece of written work.

Conversely, work confidently written can stand out and is greeted with pleasure by many academics. If an assignment starts well, with a good introduction, written in clear English, the tutor can seek positive reinforcement of this early good impression. If this is forthcoming, and the student can demonstrate early in the assignment that he or she knows how and, generally, when to reference, the tutor may overlook minor lapses in referencing that they might not tolerate from a less able writer.

The important point in all of this is that students need to demonstrate they know generally when to reference and how to reference. This can establish their credibility with the tutor, particularly in the early stages of an assignment. Knowing when to reference is, then, as important as understanding how to reference.

**When to reference: six scenarios**

You should reference evidence in assignments in the following situations:

1. To give the reader the source of tables, statistics, diagrams, photographs and other illustrations included in your assignment
2. When describing or discussing a theory, model or practice associated with a particular writer (this links specifically to the next two items)
3. To give weight or credibility to an argument supported by you in your assignment
4. When giving emphasis to a particular theory, model or practice that has found a measure of agreement and support among commentators
5. To inform the reader of sources of direct quotations or definitions in your assignment
6. When paraphrasing another person’s work, which is outside the realm of common knowledge, and that you feel is particularly significant or likely to be a subject of debate. This can also include definitions.
Examples (in the Harvard style of referencing)

Example: To inform the reader of sources of tables, photographs, statistics or diagrams presented in your assignment (either copied in their original form or collated by you)

The surface temperatures in the world have increased by 1 degree Fahrenheit, or 0.6 degrees Celsius, since the mid-1970s, and the highest surface temperature ever recorded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was in 2005. Climatologists generally agree that the five warmest years since the late nineteenth century have been within the decade, 1995–2005, with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) ranking 2005 as the second warmest year, behind 1998 (Hansen 2005).

Example: When describing or discussing a theory, model or practice associated with a particular writer (you may, for example, compare and contrast the views of established authors in the field)

A major study of British school leavers by Maizels (1970) concluded that parents had a major influence on the kind of work their children entered. The children were influenced over a long period of time by their parents’ values and ideas about work. A later study (Ashton and Field 1976) reached the same conclusion and showed a link between the social and economic status of parents and the work attitudes and aspirations of their teenage children.

Example: To give weight or credibility to an argument presented in your assignment

Handy (1995) has argued that federalism is a way of making sense of large organizations, and that the power and responsibility that drives federalism is a feature of developed societies and can be extended into a way forward for managing modern business. In relation to power, Handy argues that ‘authority must be earned from those whom it is exercised’ (p.49). Respect from employees must be earned, and not expected simply because of one’s rank.

Example: When giving emphasis to a particular theory, model or practice that has found a measure of agreement and support among commentators

As the behavioural response of communication apprehension (CA) is to avoid or discourage interaction with others, it is not surprising that CA has been linked to feelings of loneliness, isolation, low self-esteem and the inability to discuss personal problems with managers or others (Daly and Stafford 1984; McCroskey and Richmond 1987; McCroskey et al. 1977; Richmond 1984; Scott and Rockwell 1997).
In the above example, the student cites five sources, all saying much the same thing, to emphasize and give credibility to an important point summarized in the assignment. The use of multiple authors can add weight to a summary, particularly if the idea is a controversial one. However, citing six authors is the suggested maximum for this purpose, and citing two or three is the more usual practice.

Example: To inform the reader of sources of direct quotations or definitions in your assignment

Cable (2001) argues that Freeman became ever more resentful of the way he was treated by publishers. It appears he felt that his Oxbridge education should have accorded him more respect from his contemporaries. He talked ‘bitterly of a certain titled young gentleman who treated him as an equal on The High in Oxford but who, on Saxmundham railway station, refused to acknowledge him’ (p.5). However, Cable argues that this snobbishness was also in Freeman’s own character, so he was particularly sensitive when the snubs were directed at him!

If the quote is taken from a printed book or journal, you always need to include the page number in the citation so the reader can go straight to that page to find it. If it is an electronic source the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) address, which will be listed in the full reference, should take the reader to the relevant web page or screen.

Example: When paraphrasing another person’s idea or definition that you feel is particularly significant or likely to be a subject of debate

We all perceive the world around us, in ways that are often unique to us, through a series of personal filters, and we ‘construct’ our own versions of reality (Kelly 1955).

Note: In this example the student paraphrases an idea that Kelly originally outlined in 1955. The inverted commas around ‘construct’ suggest this is a significant word used by Kelly to describe a key concept. By citing the source the student is, in effect, saying ‘this is Kelly’s idea; I am just paraphrasing it’.

When you do not need to reference

However, there are four situations when you do not need to reference sources. These are:

1. When presenting historical overviews
2. When presenting your own experiences
3 In conclusions, when you are repeating ideas previously referenced
4 When summarizing what is regarded as ‘common knowledge’.

1 Historical overviews
You do not need to reference information drawn from a variety of sources to summarize what has happened over a period of time, when those sources state much the same things and when your summary is unlikely to be a cause of dispute or controversy.

In the example that follows, the student summarizes the topic generally, and has used for this purpose a number of different and reliable sources, which all agreed on the reasons for the growth in call centres.

The growth in call centres in the West was encouraged by economic and technological factors. From the late 1970s the growth of the service sector focused the attention of large organizations on communication with customers in more cost-effective and streamlined ways. This growth of a service sector economy connected with advances in telecommunications and changes in working practices in Western companies. The logic of call centres was that a centralized approach and rationalization of organizational operations would reduce costs, while producing a standard branded image to the world.

However, if the student had used just one source for the summary, this should be cited and referenced.

2 Your own experiences and observations
You do not need to reference your own experiences or observations, although you should make it clear that these are your own. For example, you could use the first person term ‘I’ to do this, although not all tutors encourage this style of personal writing. If you are discouraged from writing in the first person, you could say something like, ‘it has been this author’s (or this writer’s) experience that …’. If, however, you have had your work published in a journal, book or other source, you could cite your own published work in support of your own experiences.

3 Summaries or conclusions
You do not need to reference again if pulling together a range of key ideas that you introduced and referenced earlier in the assignment. For example, it can be good practice in writing, particularly in a long assignment, to summarize ideas before moving on to another line of discussion. Also, when you reach the concluding sections of your assignment and begin to draw your arguments together, you would not need to cite sources previously referenced, unless you were introducing new material or introducing a new perspective drawn from previously cited sources.

4 Common knowledge
This is the most problematic of the four, as there can disagreement among academics on what constitutes common knowledge. One definition is:
Information that is presumed to be shared by members of a specific ‘community’ – an institution, a city, a national region, the nation itself . . . a particular race, ethnic group, religion, academic discipline, professional association, or other such classification.

(Hopkins 2005)

Common knowledge has two main elements. First, there is knowledge in the public domain. You are using common knowledge when sharing and expressing generally undisputed facts circulating freely, publicly and without the restraint of copyright, and when there is unlikely to be any significant disagreement with your statements or summaries of this information. This would include undisputed information found in reference books and encyclopedias.

However, note the following differences between fact and opinion:

- Thomas Hardy wrote *Tess of the d’Urbervilles*: Fact.
- Thomas Hardy wrote *Tess of the d’Urbervilles*, and the poetic beauty of his language raises it above other novels in the rural tradition (Winchcombe 1978): Opinion.

The first sentence contains an undisputed fact. However, the second concludes with an opinion, and an author is cited to support the assertion. The wise student would also look for, and include, other evidence to support this opinion, by paraphrasing or quoting Winchcombe’s reasons for making this assertion, and by seeking evidence from other literary critics to support (or dispute) the view.

Common knowledge also includes general descriptions of folklore and traditions, although specific author comment on these would be referenced. For example, you might talk generally about the traditions in a particular area, but would need to reference what a particular author had to say about, for example, the deeper meanings or origins of these.

Common knowledge would also cover commonplace observations or aphorisms on the world, for example, that the dark winters can have a depressing impact on our moods, although if you produced any specific evidence to that effect, this would be cited.

The University of Queensland include the following six examples of common knowledge when referencing would not be required:

2. That Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin (common fact of history).
3. The definition of photosynthesis (common knowledge in the discipline).
4. That humans need food and water for survival (commonsense observation).
5. That Count Dracula lived in Transylvania (accepted folklore).
6. ‘Life wasn’t meant to be easy’ (aphorism).

(University of Queensland 2006)

Second, the second element of common knowledge, as noted in the third of the six examples just listed, is common knowledge within a subject area or discipline. Every subject has its own set of commonly agreed codes, assumptions, jargons and symbols. At university level, there are assumptions made that students starting on courses where there are particular subject prerequisites, for example, sciences, mathematics and
English literature, will already have begun to connect with these common points of reference. So, although many individual members of the general public might be hard pushed to give the visitor from Mars an accurate summary of the difference between a simile and a metaphor, a student of English literature should be able to do this fairly easily! The point here is that there will be common points of reference and understanding between you and your tutors, and that you will not need to define, explain and continually cite the origins of this knowledge. These common points of understanding may be implicit, soon become clear or be negotiated early in courses between tutors and their students.

**How to reference**

It can be incredibly frustrating to discover halfway through writing an assignment that you have not taken a full note, or any note at all, of a particular source that you belatedly decide you need to use. It may be that you read something, thought ‘that’s useful’ and meant to take note of it, but did not! You then have to start searching for the source, and if it is on the Internet, or buried in the depths of a book, it can be very time consuming to track it down. The moral is that if you think a source might be useful to a particular assignment or examination, then take an immediate note of it.

Note taking and note making serves a number of purposes. Notes act as a summary or reinforcement of the main points of what you saw, heard or read. However, for referencing purposes, notes are also an essential **record** of information sources. They also remind you of other things you should do, for example, other sources to check. You need to organize a system of note making that suits you, although filing notes away by author, particularly for the author–date or author–page referencing styles, or by topic, tend to be the best approaches. Your notes can then be used to both remind you of the topic for revision purposes and help you compile a list of references or a bibliography. This can be done either manually or with the help of bibliographic software (see end of this chapter).

The difference between taking and making notes is about the transition from a passive to an active process.

**Level 1: Note taking**

Summarizing the main points from a lecture or other sources.

**Level 2: Note making**

Can include one or more of:
- Review and reorganization of notes
- Connecting and synthesizing ideas
- Adding your own personal comments and reflections on the ideas summarized.
Examples of note taking/making

An example of a manual note-taking/making sheet is shown in Fig. 3.1. Although electronic note making is an important alternative to using manual notes, it is not always convenient to use a personal computer. Manual notes are still an important way of recording information, particularly in lectures and tutorials or in other situations when it is inconvenient to use electronic note-making systems.

The top lines record the full source detail and the source topic. The notes can be filed away thematically by subject or alphabetically by author. In the right-hand column of the sheet, the main points are summarized. The left-hand column can be used to remind you of any key points or questions that occur to you about the source. The Comments/Summary section provides additional space for your comments, for example to remind you of any follow-up work you could do to explore the topic further.

This process converts note taking into something more active – into note *making*.

Bibliographic software

There is now a wide range of referencing management software systems on the market, designed to help students manage referencing, and more appear each year. Many universities provide these free for students to use within the institution or enable students to purchase the software themselves, often at a discounted price. Features of this software include:

- Searching the Internet for references and importing to your database
- ‘Cite while you write’ features, which includes organizing information retrieved into a particular referencing style, including all the styles featured in this book
- Linking the citation in the text with the full reference, and a facility for ensuring that any citation featured in the text corresponds with a full reference entry
- Editing features – easy addition to references already entered
- Keyword sorting alphabetically of references.

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<td>A process that involves writing or</td>
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<td>recording what you hear or read in</td>
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<tr>
<td>a descriptive way. This is the first</td>
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<td>stage of the process of producing</td>
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<td>effective notes</td>
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There are obvious advantages for students in using this software, in both information retrieval and in organizing the citation and full referencing in an assignment. However, the software does have its limitations and, arguably, no one system appears yet to offer completely all that students need for fully integrated information search and easy transfer of information into citation and full reference forms. With some systems, for example, the search facility may be limited; with others there may be particular problems, such as confusion in distinguishing between primary and secondary authors or problems with referencing certain types of uncommon source (Shapland 1999).

The cost of these systems is also a factor and this is a major determinant of which system an institution finally adopts. Most institutions allow students to use the systems

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**FIGURE 3.1** Example of a note-making sheet

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Topic &amp; issues raised</th>
<th>Main points:</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Smaller families?</td>
<td>Individual choice - more important; Internet more prominent - for individual lifestyles; women big role in the workplace. Flexible learning + more important, particularly post-grad. goals; distance-learning apps. will increase + distance learning courses material = big business</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>what about quality of life - Alzheimer’s Disease?</td>
<td>Longevity will increase in the developed world to 100+ years. We will see a rise in use of electronic systems to communicate with others, e.g. three-dimensional video systems; growth of electronic communications will encourage more home working, - but will still be a need to meet colleagues socially.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>But this is an aging society - people die in their houses come on market</td>
<td>The trend toward home working will result in less work-related mobility and will encourage the development of community life. However, the lack of mobility may result in fewer houses coming on the market for sale or rent. Service sector work will expand and result in a shortage of skilled labour.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Won’t this mean less security?</td>
<td>Employers will need to make work attractive to their employees in order to retain them, a move away from working in large multi-national companies, to more individual forms of working/self-employment</td>
</tr>
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Comments/Summary

Much more emphasis on personal choice & individuality. This might explain reason for movement away from working in large companies to self-employment—although there will always be a trade-off between security and independence, particularly if you have kids.
free when they are on site. However, the software can be expensive for a student to purchase and use privately, and students must decide if the cost is justified in terms of the use they will make of it. It also takes time, effort and practice before students can use the software proficiently. However, there is no doubt that the effort to learn can be repaid by the consistent referencing entry that is given. Students should talk to the librarian at their institution and find out what referencing management software is available and what training is offered in its use.

Quiz

To test your understanding of when to reference, try answering the questions in the quiz in Fig. 3.2. Look at the following situations that can occur when writing assignments and decide if a citation is needed.
FIGURE 3.2 Quiz on understanding when to reference

Now check your answers against those in Appendix 1.
I was not sure about what to do in terms of reference and that sort of thing when I came to university. A student does not have much rich knowledge background; they have to learn other people’s opinions in order to write something... This is only due to the student’s lack of experience and knowledge... but not plagiarism.

(International student in her final undergraduate year, in conversation with author)

You will no doubt be aware that plagiarism is a hot topic of discussion in higher education. But it is certainly not a new phenomenon. And you can find all colours of opinion among lecturers: from those who seize on plagiarism as a symptom of slipping academic standards, devaluation of higher education and an erosion of everything they believe higher education should be, to those who feel that there is more than a little intolerance, hypocrisy and inconsistency around the issue.

There are many academics, probably the majority, who oscillate between both positions, genuinely confused – about whether what they read in front of them in an assignment is plagiarism, carelessness, ignorance, misunderstanding, confusion or poor referencing practice. They can be driven to fury when they encounter blatant and wholesale copying, particularly if it comes during a particularly heavy and exhausting period of marking. Yet, when faced with the individual student, explaining his or her case for apparently plagiarizing a text, can understand why it has happened.

It is an issue that runs parallel to a debate with recurring questions about the purpose of higher education in the twenty-first century. Is an insistence on referencing about supporting a system and a process of learning that is a legacy of a different time and society? Are universities enforcing upon you an arcane practice of referencing that you will probably never use again outside higher education? Or is there something deeper
in the practice of referencing that connects with behaving ethically, properly, decently and respecting others – ageless societal values that universities should try to maintain? Plagiarism, from this latter perspective, can be viewed as an attack on these values.

Plagiarism?

But what is plagiarism? There is certainly no single universally agreed definition in Britain. Every institution develops its own definitions and even within these there can be a range of interpretations of what it is – and is not.

In general, plagiarism is one of a number of practices deemed by universities to constitute cheating, or in university-speak: ‘a lack of academic integrity’. These include:

- Collusion without official approval between two or more students, with the result that identical, or near identical work, is presented by all those involved
- Falsification – where content of assignments, e.g. statistics, has been invented or falsely presented by a student as their own work
- Replication – where a student submits the same, or very similar piece of work, on more than one occasion to gain academic credit
- Taking unauthorized notes into an examination
- Obtaining an unauthorized copy of an examination paper
- Communication with other students in an examination in order to help, or be helped, with answers
- Impersonation of another person in an examination (Jones et al. 2005).

Plagiarism, specifically, is a term used to describe a practice that involves knowingly taking and using another person’s work and claiming it, directly or indirectly, as your own.

As stated earlier, this ‘work’ is usually something that has been produced by another person, ‘published’ in some tangible way and presented formally in the public domain. It is not the ideas that are being plagiarized, as ideas can occur to people all the time; it is the manifestation of those ideas, in print, Internet, audio-visual, theatrical, cinematic, choreographic or other tangible form. It can also include assignments either ready written or written to order, and sold from Internet sites, which are then presented to an institution by the buyer as his or her own original work.

Three main forms of plagiarism

As already stated, each institution develops its own interpretation of plagiarism, and it is likely your college or university has already made you aware of theirs. But in general, there are three main forms:
1 Copying another person’s work, including the work of another student (with or without their consent), and claiming or pretending it is your own
2 Presenting arguments that use a blend of your own and a significant percentage of copied words of the original author without acknowledging the source
3 Paraphrasing another person’s work, but not giving due acknowledgement to the original writer or organization publishing the writing, including Internet sites. The exceptions to this would be in relation to common knowledge (see Chapter 3).

It sounds straightforward and – at its most blatant form of simply copying great chunks of someone else’s work into your own work with or without any form of acknowledgement of the originator – it can be. As Angéli-Carter puts it, ‘the true plagiarist writes to conceal the sources’ (2000, p.22).

Levels of plagiarism

But life is not that simple, nor students so blatant, although a minority appear to be reckless enough to plagiarize regularly and deliberately in this way (see Carroll 2005). Howard (1995) has tried to unpick the forms of plagiarism that can occur: cheating, non-attribution and patchwork writing. The first is done deliberately, while the second usually results from the inexperience of the student with referencing or from misunderstanding about academic conventions. The third results when a student tries to put together bits of assorted, copied text to make up an unsatisfactory whole; what Barrett and Malcolm (2006) call ‘omission paraphrasing’, which is when a student copies from a single source and selectively changes words and sentences to make it fit the assignment. This latter practice moves them into a grey area between paraphrasing and plagiarism and can lead to criticism or, worse, loss of marks.

The issue of non-attribution, Howard’s second point, is a tricky one, as although misunderstanding can certainly be a cause, there is evidence that students do understand that they should cite their sources but do not always do it, for a variety of reasons. A significant number of students, faced with a heavy workload, easy opportunity plus pressure to succeed on degree courses, appear to be willing to copy from a printed source or paste from the Internet into their assignments in the hope they will not be noticed.

A study by Jones et al. (2005), for example, found one in five of 171 students from both Engineering and Psychology undergraduate degree courses admitting to copying and pasting material from a website into an assignment without crediting the source. Another study, by Dennis (2005), of 80 undergraduate and postgraduate students on Computer Science degree programmes produced a similar result, with a quarter of respondents admitting to activities the institution regarded as plagiarism, which was largely about copying, or partial copying, from printed or web-based sources.

When students are asked what proportion of their peers are engaged in plagiarism, the estimates tend to be high. For example, a survey of 140 students and staff at Northumbria University suggested that 70.9 per cent of students believed that copying a few paragraphs from a book or Internet without citing the source was a common practice.
Although this survey dealt with perception, this is important, as perception can transfer into discussion among students, and discussion into action. However, the same survey found only around 6 per cent of students who thought that downloading or buying whole essays from cheat sites or ghost writing services was common practice (Dordoy 2002).

Why do students plagiarize?

So why do students do it? One reason may be that they have always done it – maybe to the point when it becomes ritualized behaviour, and because it is easier and more tempting now than it ever has been.

Hart and Friesner (2004) point out that studies of cheating behaviour in the USA date back to the 1940s. They cite studies from the early 1940s, which suggested that, even then, nearly a quarter of students admitted to some form of cheating behaviour. Twenty years later a study by Bowers in 1964 suggested that three-quarters of a sample group of 5000 students had admitted some form of academic cheating. They may have written on the palms of their hands then, or in dictionaries, prior to their examinations, but now there is the Internet and a vast, open orchard of ideas just waiting to be picked and downloaded.

You now invest a significant amount of your own or your parents’ money into higher education and high grades are important to secure interviews at big companies. Higher education is now increasingly viewed by many students as a commodity, and the process of learning as part of a ‘commercial transaction’. Dordoy (2002) quotes one student as saying: ‘If the University sells itself as a business and people only come to get a bit of paper – then plagiarism will always be a problem’ (p.5). The potential challenge and intellectual stimulation of learning at this level gives way to the more expedient business of getting the all-important bit of paper, so screw the rules! Politicians and corporations do it, best-selling authors do it, even Shakespeare is supposed to have done it, so why shouldn’t I?

Some students blame the pressure of writing to strict word limits:

We’re expected to cite as many references as possible to gain maximum marks but keep our word limit to 1500. Well, it is almost impossible to use so many references as well as our own words, without it looking like a copy-and-paste job.

(THES 2006, p. 9)

Dordoy found the most common reasons cited by students for cheating were related to grades, poor time management and ease of opportunity:

- To get a better grade: 59 per cent
- Because of laziness or bad time management: 54 per cent
- Because of easy access to material via the Internet: 40 per cent
- Because they did not understand the rules: 29 per cent
- Because ‘it happens unconsciously’: 29 per cent (Dordoy 2002).
Dordoy also found that nearly 16 per cent of students felt that it happened because they did not think they would be caught. Students were aware of the pressure staff were under to teach large number of students and to mark hundreds of assignments, and were simply taking the chance. Some were also disillusioned about the lacklustre approach to teaching and student support taken by hard-pressed staff and saw plagiarism as a form of retaliation: ‘students are extremely proud when they “get one over” on lecturers’ (p.5). Other studies (Aggarwal et al. 2002; Culwin et al. 2002; Introna et al. 2003) suggest that students regard copying small amounts of material without citing the source as a trivial, or not particularly serious, breach of academic integrity.

Dennis (2005) also found a similar range of reasons given by students for why others cheated. The reasons given by 80 students were ranked as follows, with the most frequently cited at the top:

1. They started too late and ran out of time.
2. They simply could not do the coursework otherwise.
3. They did not think it was wrong.
4. They have to succeed. They got higher marks this way.
5. They did not need to learn that material, just pass the module.
6. They could not keep up with the work.
7. They wanted to see if they could get away with it.
8. They felt the tutor did not care, so why should they.
9. They thought paraphrasing would be disrespectful (Dennis 2005).

International students

This last point about ‘disrespectful’ paraphrasing is likely to be made by some international students. It is clear there are many different interpretations from one country to another on the practice of referencing in academic writing. What is unacceptable practice in Britain is quite legitimate, and even encouraged, elsewhere. What is regarded in Britain as plagiarism, for example, quoting from sources extensively without referencing them, can be regarded as perfectly normal in other countries, even within Europe (Sherman 1992). There may also be differences in experience among students from the same country. Lake (2004) found differences among Chinese students studying in Britain, with more than half having no previous experience of referencing in academic writing, but with a third having had some previous experience of referencing in essays written in their own language.

Ha (2006), responding to suggestions that Asian culture contributes to acts of plagiarism, points out that in Vietnam simply copying other people’s work is not acceptable and that it is usual practice for Vietnamese students to give a full bibliography at the end of essays, but not to cite individual authors in the main body of the assignment. Vietnamese universities do not regard this as plagiarism, as all the sources featured in the assignment are mentioned in the bibliography. Many teachers in Vietnam do not require students to cite and reference lecture notes given out in class, as there is an implicit understanding of where the notes came from between teacher and student.
However, both these practices in Britain could result in the student being criticized, and probably penalized, for plagiarism.

Therefore, there are cultural differences in referencing practice for the international student to adjust to – and most do quickly if they are shown how and it is explained why. A more significant issue for international students is how to cope with the pressure of writing six or more assignments in any semester, work with others in groups, read and take notes, listen to lectures and contribute their ideas in tutorials – all in English, a language that many are still struggling to cope with.

They may have gained the requisite minimum English qualification to study in Britain, but these qualifications do not prepare many students for listening to a babble of regional British accents and understanding all the subtle nuances and by-ways of the English language. It does not help either that they have to wade through baffling jargon, pomposity and the often ludicrous ‘academic-speak’ in textbooks on recommended reading lists that have been written by some authors more for their academic chums than for students.

Add to this the small fortune they or their parents spend on paying for a British education, and the economic and social shame that flows from failure, then the pressure is really on them to succeed, and to succeed at any cost. Failure is not an option. They are told they should summarize or paraphrase in their own words, not copy text from books or paste in from the Internet. They may be given, if they are lucky, some practical instruction in referencing. But they are often faced with a task of paraphrasing something that they only half understand. And they have to do it in a second language, in the best English they can muster, and by tomorrow. So it is no surprise some resort to copying text and patching together copied ideas, rather than risk the shame of failure and exposure of their still partial understanding of ideas and the meanings of words: ‘taking a bit here and there helps with getting the meaning across. Paraphrasing, if you are not a native speaker, is difficult’ (Greek student quoted in Introna et al. 2003, p.25).

### Patchwork writing

Putting the issue of plagiarism aside, many academics discourage this form of patchwork writing by arguing that the process of summarization and paraphrasing helps students to gain a deeper level of understanding about a topic. By converting the ideas into a choice of one’s own words, you have to think hard about them and thus gain a deeper level of knowledge. This may be true, but some of you may not see it like this.

Students, and not just those from overseas, argue that to put together an argument by patchwork copying does require an understanding of the topic. It requires the ability to select and connect ideas, and this cannot be done successfully if the student does not have a grip on the main arguments and counter-arguments around a topic:

If you take all the sentences/paragraphs from other authors – then you have to do the work to put it together – you have learned and need a certain understanding of the topic, it is not just blatant copying.

(UK student quoted in Introna et al. 2003, p.24)
This has found some sympathy among some academics. Some commentators, notably Howard (1999) and Introna et al. (2003), have argued that patchwork writing can be viewed as a transitional writing phase for inexperienced students as they struggle to come to terms with the demands and expectations of a subject and particularly, but not exclusively, if they are trying to do this in a second language.

The entry standard for English language for international students to study in Britain tends to lie between score six and seven in the International English Language System (IELTS), which is somewhere between ‘competent user’ (band 6) and ‘good user’ (band 7) of English (Table 4.1).

So a score of 6.5 is somewhere between ‘competent’ and ‘good’. Students in both bands can fall prone to ‘misunderstandings’, are still only at the stage of understanding ‘fairly complex’ to ‘complex’ language (of which there is much in education) and are in a situation that is new, rather than ‘familiar’. Given this, patchwork writing can be viewed as part of this transition of developing the skill to communicate using formal language and in a detached, third-person way acceptable to the expectations of academics. But is the style of third-person writing still a valid expectation, and if so, why?

The convention of academic writing in higher education is still largely one where you are encouraged to step back from the assignment topic and look down at it, as if from afar, and to describe the scene in an objective way. In Britain, students are still largely discouraged from writing in the first person. ‘I think’ is discouraged, and ‘It can be argued’ encouraged instead (even though in reality it means the same thing). Teachers expect students to present an impression of objectivity (even though this is an illusion), where arguments can be selected to fit the chosen perspective: ‘objective subjectivity’, may be the best way to describe what is expected by tutors of students in academic writing.

The able, experienced student has learned the art of selecting material to suit his or her own viewpoint, but presenting it in a way that gives the impression of objectivity to the reader – thus satisfying the conventions and traditions of academic writing. The postgraduate student, and certainly one with his or her first degree experience in the UK, has usually learned how to do this. However, the undergraduate and international postgraduate student can both struggle with this, not really knowing what is expected. This reflects an apparent contradiction: on the one hand, the promise of higher education is that you will develop your own ‘independent voice’ while on the other, you are expected to conform to norms of writing that seem strangely out of tune with this aim. You are expected to imitate the style of writing of the commentators you read,

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<td>Has generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings. Can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations</td>
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(Source: British Council 2006)
but these commentators are likely to have a strong command of English and have learned to present their material in a sophisticated way.

Angélil-Carter (2000) argues that permitting the use of the first person ‘I’ in assignments is an important way of encouraging students to present openly their own words, supported with referenced evidence. Patchwork writing can occur because students feel discouraged about expressing their own views in their own words in the more analytical parts of the assignment. Yet they run the risk in this practice of being accused of plagiarism. The exercise later in this chapter shows examples of patchwork writing that can lead students easily into trouble with their institutions.

Writing in the third person can be an entirely appropriate way of presenting information in the more descriptive and background parts of an assignment. However, the more analytical parts – where the student is expected and encouraged to weigh up arguments – can be considerably more difficult to present when writing in the third person, even for the student with a strong command of English.

Discouraging the use of the ‘first person’ expression in writing, particularly when engaging with the more discursive parts of an assignment, arguably encourages students to patch together the words of others in the hope of appearing objective. But endorsing a change of writing style, from third to first person, could arguably encourage students to take ownership of the material they introduce into assignments and be more forward with their own ideas. Why not test this argument out on your tutors to see what their response to it is?

One response from them might be that writing in the first person encourages opinionated responses to set questions. But arguably, writing in the first person does not necessarily equate with polemic; one’s own view can be presented formally and professionally, and supported with properly cited and referenced evidence. This would be an important way of helping students find their own voice in assignments. Students could be encouraged to seek relevant material that fits the direction they wish to take in an assignment (which happens now), but then to present ideas as their own, in the first person, and in the process take responsibility for them. ‘With no authorial voice’, writes Angélil-Carter, ‘writing is inhibited’ (2000, p.128). What do you think? You are part of this debate, too.

Discouraging plagiarism

Plagiarism prevention, rather than prosecution, tends to be the approach adopted by most British universities, although some have been driven to take action to discipline, and even expel students, for worst-case plagiarism, which are usually cases involving repeated incidences of copying wholesale from texts without any attempt at acknowledgement of the original source. Attention has also turned to schools and colleges in an attempt to discourage pupils (and parents) from plagiarism, so that by the time students enter higher education they would have learned effective referencing and techniques of summary and paraphrasing.

Universities are also using software to detect where copied text has been slotted into assignments. Software, such as Turnitin and Ferret can compare submitted assignments
with a database of billions of web pages and highlight passages that are directly copied. Some institutions are also encouraging students to check their assignments against the software, to highlight and change copied areas before they submit the work. This seems to be producing some positive results.

Barratt and Malcolm (2006), for example, report on a study involving 182 mainly postgraduate International Masters students on Computer Science, Automotive Engineering and Electronics courses. The students were asked to summarize a number of research papers in an essay, and their assignments were submitted to Turnitin and Ferret with a view to giving feedback on how original their words appeared to be. A threshold of 15 per cent of matching text was used, as it is inevitable that some words and sentences will recur. It was found that 41 per cent of students had submitted work that exceeded this threshold, although on closer inspection a number of these, for a variety of reasons, could not be regarded as plagiarism. However, over a quarter (26 per cent) of assignments was above the threshold, and these students were shown their work with the copied passages highlighted and given an opportunity to resubmit it. On resubmission, the incidence of plagiarism had dropped to 3 per cent overall.

Universities are also looking at the assessments they set, and making these more individual and project based, or written under supervised conditions. They are also looking more critically at the way referencing is taught, and are reinforcing the message that good referencing is ‘an indication of worthy membership of the academic community’ (Hart and Friesner 2004, p.93). They are also regulating their own teaching, typically by peer evaluation, so that lecturers do not implicitly promote plagiarism by giving lectures accompanied by handouts and PowerPoint slides that do not cite the sources for the ideas presented or discussed with students.

They are doing this largely because they feel that they have to and want to. They have to because the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) – a watchdog of quality in higher education – seeks assurance from institutions that they are maintaining the quality of higher education, which will attract students, particularly those from overseas, in the first place. They want to because most academics in higher education are interested in, and proud of, their work; they want students to be stretched intellectually and to gain careers where they can take responsibility and use their talents.

If higher education is devalued by a view from the outside that the degree is not worth the paper it is printed on, then this will do no good for either the morale of teachers or your morale – and career prospects. It is likely that you recognize the importance of this debate. If high standards of integrity are expected of you – and exemplified by the conduct of your tutors – it is likely you will respond positively to this. Who, after spending thousands on a degree programme, wants a qualification that others will sneer at?

How to avoid plagiarism

So, how to avoid plagiarism?

Applying, analysing, criticizing or quoting other people’s work is perfectly reasonable and acceptable providing you always:
• Attempt to summarize or restate another person’s work, theories or ideas and give
acknowledgement to that person. This is usually done by citing your sources and
presenting a list of references

or

• by always using quotation marks (or indenting lengthy quotations in your text) to
distinguish between the actual words of the writer and your own words. Once again,
you should cite all sources and present full details of these in your list of references.

Summarizing and paraphrasing

The way to avoid accusations of plagiarism is to try to summarize or paraphrase what
you read, choosing words that seem to do this best for you. You will need to ask your
course tutor what style of writing is expected of you. Can you use the first person for the
more analytical parts of it? If not, why not?

So what is the difference between paraphrasing and summarizing? Summarizing is
about the general; paraphrasing is about the particular (Table 4.2).

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It can be sometimes difficult, if not impossible, to avoid using some of the author’s original words, particularly those that describe or label phenomena. However, you need to avoid simply copying out what the author said, word for word. Choose words that you feel give a true impression of the author’s original ideas or action. There is an exercise later in the chapter that looks at the issue of paraphrasing and plagiarism. However, before you look at that, try the exercise on plagiarism awareness that follows.

Exercise

Remind yourself of the definition of plagiarism earlier in this chapter. Then look at the scenarios in Fig. 4.1 and decide whether the situation described amounts to plagiarism. Tick the appropriate column.

See the answers in Appendix 2.
1. You see a quotation in a book and copy the quotation out word for word into your assignment and do not cite the source

2. You see a quotation in a book or Internet site and copy some of the words and add some of your own words and do not cite the source

3. You see something on an Internet site, for example, an article from a named journal with a named author. You copy, or copy and paste, from the site into your assignment without citing the source

4. You see an interesting and different way of looking at a particular subject on an Internet website. No author’s name is shown. You cut and paste the idea into your assignment and do not show the source, i.e. name of website, in your assignment

5. You find some interesting photos or other illustrations on a website. You copy the photos or illustrations and paste them into your assignment. You do not cite the artist, photographer or website

6. You read a range of interesting summaries of different approaches to a subject on a number of Internet websites. You do not copy and paste, but you paraphrase in your own words the summaries into your assignment. You do not mention the website sources in your assignment

7. You are part of a study group of four or five and you all discuss an assignment that all are required to submit individually. You all agree on the approach and arguments to use in the assignment. One of the students, with a little help from another, writes the assignment that all the members of the group submit individually

8. You want to give a historical overview of something that has happened over a long period, for example, general employment trends. You read three or four general textbooks on the topic. They all say much the same thing so you summarize in your own words and do not cite the sources

9. You see some statistics in a magazine that are relevant to a report you are writing. There is no author cited. You use the statistics in your assignment and do not give a source, e.g. the magazine

FIGURE 4.1 Plagiarism quiz
Plagiarism exercise

Is it plagiarism?

This exercise contains a number of examples of attempts to transfer the information from the original journal extract shown below into seven essay introductions. Read each example and decide whether the attempt amounts to plagiarism of the original journal article.

Original extract

For thousands of years, outsiders have regarded China as a xenophobic country. However, the stereotypes have been changing since China opened up its economy in 1979. Now, the encouragement of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT) lies at the heart of economic relations between foreign countries and China. The international flows of capital, information and technology facilitate the economic growth of China and the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). The boom in FDI and ITT has brought to the fore the issue of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as a major topic in the economic development of China. Although a historical...
review shows that the germination of the concept of IPRs in China goes back more than 100 years, in reality no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) existed until very recent times.


Now comment on the following extracts from student assignments. Do they amount to plagiarism – or not?

**Example 4.1**

This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. For thousands of years, outsiders have regarded China as a xenophobic country. However, the stereotypes have been changing since China opened up its economy in 1979. Now, the encouragement of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT) lies at the heart of economic relations between foreign countries and China. The international flows of capital, information and technology facilitate the economic growth of China and the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). The boom in FDI and ITT has brought to the fore the issue of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as a major topic in the economic development of China. Although a historical review shows that the germination of the concept of IPRs in China goes back more than 100 years, in reality no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) existed until very recent times.

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**Example 4.2**

This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. For thousands of years, outsiders have regarded China as a xenophobic country. However, the stereotypes have been changing since China opened up its economy in 1979. Now, the encouragement of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT) lies at the heart of economic relations between foreign countries and China. The international flows of capital, information and technology facilitate the economic growth of China and the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). The boom in FDI and ITT has brought to the fore the issue of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as a major topic in the economic development of China. Although a historical review shows that the germination of the concept of IPRs in China goes back more than 100 years, in reality no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) existed until very recent times (Yang and Clarke 2004).

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Example 4.3
This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. For thousands of years, outsiders have regarded China as a xenophobic country. But since China opened up its economy in 1979, and with the encouragement of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT), economic relations between foreign countries and China have improved. The international flows of capital, information and technology now facilitate the economic growth of China and the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). The boom in FDI and ITT has brought to the fore the issue of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as a major topic in the economic development of China. Although history shows that the germination of the concept of IPRs in China goes back more than 100 years, in reality no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) existed until very recent times.

Plagiarism? Yes No Not sure

Example 4.4
This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. Outsiders have long regarded China as a xenophobic country. However, the stereotypes have been changing since China opened up its economy in 1979. Yang and Clarke (2004) argue that now the encouragement of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT) lies at the heart of economic relations between foreign countries and China. They state:

The international flows of capital, information and technology facilitate the economic growth of China and the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). The boom in FDI and ITT has brought to the fore the issue of intellectual property rights (IPRs) as a major topic in the economic development of China (p.12).

Although a historical review shows that the germination of the concept of IPRs in China goes back more than 100 years, in reality no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) existed until very recent times.

Plagiarism? Yes No Not sure

Example 4.5
This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. China has long been regarded as a closed and rather xenophobic country. But things have been changing fast since China opened up its economy in 1979. Some
commentators, like Yang and Clarke (2004) argue that the encouragement of foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT) lie at the heart of economic relations between foreign countries and China. The flow of capital, information and technology between countries has pushed the economic growth of China forward. Also, the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs) and boom in FDI and ITT has focused attention on the issue of intellectual property rights (IPRs), and this is now seen as a major topic in the economic development of China. Although the idea of IPRs in China goes back more than 100 years, in reality no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) existed until recently.

**Example 4.6**

This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. For centuries China has been regarded by the outside world as a rather closed and insular country. However, Yang and Clarke (2004) argue that now things are changing, and particularly so since 1979, when China decided to open up its economy. Since then, foreign direct investment (FDI) and international technology transfer (ITT) are important connecting links between China and the rest of the world. Now the flows of capital, information, technology and the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs) have stimulated the Chinese economy. But these developments have also caused attention to focus on the issue of intellectual property rights (IPR). Although the concept of IPR goes back more than a hundred years, there has been no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP) until recently.

**Example 4.7**

This essay is about intellectual property (IP) in general and about the situation in China today, and about China’s relationship with the West in relation to this issue. For centuries China has been regarded by the outside world as a rather closed and xenophobic country. However things are changing. Since 1979, China has loosened and stimulated its economy by foreign direct investment (FDI), international technology transfer (ITT), and from the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). However, these developments have also focused attention on the issue of intellectual property rights (IPR) and until recently in China there has been no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP).

See Appendix 3 for comments.
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Referencing styles

Which referencing styles predominate in Britain?

In autumn, 2005, I attempted to gain an answer to this question by contacting a representative number of learner support units and librarians within UK universities, via discussion email sites for these practitioners, and asking them to complete an online questionnaire.

I wanted to learn:

• What referencing systems are currently used in their institutions
• What referencing systems predominated in their institutions
• What was the relationship of referencing systems to subject disciplines in their institutions.

From the total of 25 replies, 24 were from separate institutions of higher education, and one reply came from an educational research foundation.

The survey suggested that among the responding institutions five main referencing styles were to be found:

1 The author–date (Harvard) style
2 The British Standard Running-notes numerical style, including the Modern Humanities Research Association (MHRA) variant on this
3 The British Standard Numeric style, and the variants on this presented by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (commonly known as the ‘Vancouver’ style), and by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
4 The American Psychological Association (APA) style
5 The Modern Languages Association (MLA) style.
Three of these, the author–date (Harvard), APA and MLA, use citations in the text that mention the name of authors or originators of sources; while the Running-notes and Numeric styles use superscript or bracketed numbers in the text that connect with footnotes or endnotes (Fig. 5.1).

It was found that the Harvard style of referencing had been adopted by nearly 80 per cent of schools and departments within the responding institutions. The range was from 40 per cent to 100 per cent, but 18 of the 25 replies indicated that Harvard had been adopted by approximately 80 per cent of the discipline areas. Two institutions had adopted Harvard for all its courses, but in the majority of institutions, although Harvard style was dominant, most of the other styles mentioned in this chapter were also in active use within relevant schools and departments.

Relationship of referencing style to subject discipline

The relationship of adopted styles to subject disciplines was a little ambiguous, with science areas and computing/information technology (IT) in particular showing the most inconsistency.

FIGURE 5.1 Flowchart of referencing styles
The author-date (Harvard) and author-page (MLA) styles were consistently linked by respondents with:

- Business and management studies
- Most social sciences (except Psychology)
- Health education
- Many of the humanities areas
- Sciences, particularly life and environmental
- Most computing and IT
- Languages.

The ‘Running-notes' style (including MHRA) with:

- Law
- Humanities, particularly History, Classics, Philosophy and some English departments
- Art and Design
- Architecture
- Some social sciences.

(Computer Science was also mentioned by some respondents.)

The Numerical style with:

- Medicine and related areas (Vancouver style)
- Applied science areas
- Engineering and technology areas
- Journalism and media studies.

(Again, Computer Science was mentioned by some respondents.)

The APA style with:

- Psychology
- Some health studies areas, e.g. Occupational Therapy.

**Discussion**

At the time of the survey there were 325 institutions, including universities, colleges of higher education (HE) and further education colleges that offered HE courses and participated in the Universities and Colleges’ Admissions Service (UCAS). So 24 replies (one from a research foundation) to the questionnaire represented only 7 per cent coverage, so the results should only be seen as a reflection of the situation in those institutions, and not as a general picture of higher education.

Nevertheless, the respondents were all in a good position to give an overview of referencing practices within their institutions, and the results were remarkably similar in both the separate waves of responses received from the librarians and learner support
professionals. A similar survey in Australia in 2004 among 10 universities found that most major referencing styles were in active use, but that Harvard predominated (CSU 2004).

‘Horrible hybrids’

Some respondents in the UK survey took the opportunity to comment on what they regarded as a confusion of styles prevailing in their institutions:

The combinations of styles had, however, produced, in some instances, ‘horrible hybrids’ . . .

Different lecturers recommend different styles of Harvard to their students; it is difficult to get consistency across Schools let alone the University!

The non-Harvard system used in one of our faculties is described as MLA but uses numbered notes.

Students who take psychology and sociology modules, usually 1st and 2nd years, do get confused between the two systems (Harvard and APA) that they are asked to use. They are very similar but the psychologists get upset if their system (APA) is not used.

Systems running in parallel can cause confusion especially on combined courses running across two departments.

It is clear that some colleagues in library or learner support areas had tried to rationalize a confusion of referencing styles within their institution, but had found this difficult, if not impossible to achieve:

We tried to get the university to agree to just two systems but the academics concerned were unshiftable!

Although at one institution the discussion was ongoing:

[There is a] Referencing working group attempting to move towards an institutional policy of guidance (rather than prescription).

At two of the institutions, one referencing system had been introduced:

It is extremely useful to have one standard for the whole institution.

Two institutions in the survey had adopted the Harvard style of referencing for all their schools or departments, although it is clear there was, and probably still is, resistance from some departments who preferred other styles:
there is an issue for us because Harvard is the approved style, but it is not the dominant style in art and design publications! I have answered the questions on what I think happens in practice, rather than the ‘official position’, which is that we are ‘100 per cent Harvard’!

It can be argued that adopting one style for the whole institution has distinct advantages, in terms of consistency, advice to students, student induction and ongoing learner support. It can, for example, help learner support, library staff and lecturers to address the ‘why’ and ‘when’ questions about referencing that trouble students the most, particularly international students. If more than one referencing system exists within an institution, the teaching or advising of mechanistic ‘how to’ issues can become more of a priority in learner support areas. One referencing system could, in theory anyway, lead to more unified institutional focus on the principles underpinning the use of the adopted style and make it easier for students to work out how to reference, based on a set of guidelines clearly built on one style.

However, the situation where at least two referencing styles prevail within institutions appeared to be the norm in most of the responding institutions. It is clear that particular referencing styles can become adopted by departments for historical reasons, or because of affiliation to a style guide produced by an organization representing the interests of a professional group or discipline. For example, before 1978 there were over 250 different styles of reference in scientific literature alone. To standardize referencing practice Gustavii describes how, in 1978, editors of major biomedical journals worked out a uniform referencing style: the ‘Vancouver’ numeric style, which is still favoured by the influential medical and related science disciplines within universities (Gustavii 2003, p.74).

Other reasons for the adoption of a particular style include gradual change over time; departments imitating departments across institutions; arbitrary past decision by someone in a department, probably now long gone; or institutional or departmental decision in an attempt to standardize practice for students.

Arguably, any difficulties this might cause could be minimized if individual schools and departments issued clear guidance to students on the ‘why’, ‘when’ and ‘how’ of referencing, and related and contextualized the adopted style to their own discipline areas. However, it would appear that they would also need, in parallel, to issue clear guidelines and educate their own teaching staff that all must endorse these, and not condone, or even promote, eccentric variations of their own.

What appeared to happen, however, was that because the library or learning support units had produced information that attempted to cover the variation of styles found within the responding institutions, the teaching of referencing was often also left to them as well, usually at induction, or in mainly optional learner support workshops during the year.

This led to a situation where teaching staff never really engaged with the issue, and might even condone variations on a particular ‘house’ style or not understand the adopted style themselves. This can happen, for example, on hybrid degrees, such as business and management studies, when academic staff from a range of subject disciplines, with different previous experiences of referencing, are brought together.

However, part of the problem is also in the lack of a real benchmark for using Harvard and both numerical styles in Britain. Although a benchmark for using these styles are
the British Standard guides, these are not as detailed as the style guides issued by APA and MLA, and are limited in the range of source examples they give. British Standard recommendations are not primarily aimed at student readership, and so have been interpreted and rewritten for students by learner support staff at universities, usually librarians. This can result in a lack of consistency in referencing guides produced by institutions across Britain on the application of these styles, particularly in relation to electronic sources, and the Harvard style.

Referencing guides on Harvard and numerical styles produced by different institutions – and often within institutions – will show differences in the way different sources are presented. Indeed, the relative flexibility of interpretation it allows may be also one of the main reasons for this style’s popularity, compared with the detailed prescription of APA, MLA and other referencing style guides. However, on a more negative note, it also encourages the idiosyncrasies and eccentricities of staff who feel they have the academic freedom to insist on the inclusion of little twists and flourishes of their own. As one survey respondent put it:

From a student perspective, however . . . it would be much better if the institutional, disciplinary and other powers and communities in HE could a) come to a greater level of agreement about the most effective conventions to use; b) be more consistent in ways that these conventions are communicated to students; and c) open up the debate about the ‘value’ of these practices in relation to their implications for assessment, grading etc. at various ‘levels’ of HE study.

Not all the respondents agreed, however, with a common referencing style for institutions. A number of them argued that students could learn to adjust to a number of referencing styles, providing they understood the principles that underpin all referencing and have learned the basic format for each style.

As long as students are encouraged to think about why the conventions have evolved (rather than just trying to follow rules without understanding them), they can usually grasp the basic features of the two main systems, and then learn to use whichever is required on their course.

In relation to this argument, the handbook produced by the MLA makes an interesting comment on the adoption of particular referencing styles by disciplines. It makes the point that referencing styles are shaped by the kinds of research and scholarship undertaken. In the sciences (and business disciplines), the author–date referencing style is often used to given prominence to the year and general timeliness and currency of the research; whereas with the humanities it is often more important to guide the reader to exactly the right author and page, so a telling detail can more easily and speedily be found (Gibaldi 2003, p.143).

The numerical-related styles of referencing are often favoured by visual disciplines, such as art and design and architecture, because they are more subtle, less intrusive and pleasing aesthetically on the page, compared with the relative ‘clutter’ produced by the Harvard, APA and MLA styles.

Referencing styles, therefore, can sink their roots deep into disciplines and these can prove stubborn ground in their resistance to change from university departments and
disciplines. However, the problems for students can occur when they move between departments on combined studies programmes, or choose elective modules from outside their main subject area. They may have to adapt to two or more referencing styles, and this can be aggravated by teaching staff who, as noted earlier, advance their own idiosyncratic ideas about referencing practice within a particular style.

See Table 5.1 for an overview of the main features of each referencing style.

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<td>Cites name(s) of author(s) or organization, with year of publication, in the text, e.g. Handy (1995). All sources are listed alphabetically at end of an assignment and labelled 'References' or 'Bibliography'.</td>
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<td><strong>American Psychological Association (APA) style</strong></td>
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<td>Relatively small differences exist between Harvard and APA style, and in practice, they often merge into a hybrid. The main noticeable differences tend to be with citation punctuation, the way multiple authors are cited and referenced, and with referencing electronic sources.</td>
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<td><strong>Modern Languages Association (MLA) style</strong></td>
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<td>This differs from Harvard and APA in that the page number, instead of year of publication, is cited in the text, e.g. (Handy 149). The full list of references at the end of the text is also labelled 'Works cited', or 'Works consulted'. Proper words in the titles of works cited are capitalized and underlined. The last name of an author is followed by the full first name(s), for example: Handy, Charles. Beyond Certainty: The Changing Worlds of Organisations. London: Hutchinson, 1995.</td>
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<td><strong>Running-notes style</strong></td>
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<td>This style uses superscript (or bracketed numbers) in the text, which connects with a reference in either footnotes or chapter endnotes. A bibliography is included at the end of the assignment, which lists all the works referred to in the notes. This system uses a different number for each reference in the text.</td>
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<td><strong>Numeric style</strong></td>
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<td>Uses bracketed (or superscript) numbers in the text that connect with a list of references at the end of the text. The same number can recur, e.g. if a source is mentioned more than once in the text.</td>
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A benchmark for using the Harvard style of referencing in Britain is British Standard (BS) and the following BS publications: Recommendations for references to published materials: BS 1629:1989; Recommendations for citing and referencing published material: BS 5605:1990; and Copy preparation and proof correction – part 1: Design and layout of documents: BS5261–1:2000.

Although British Standard is mentioned by most UK universities on referencing advice booklets for students as their benchmark for Harvard, there tend to be minor variations in practice from one institution to another. British Standard recommendations are helpful for their guidelines on the sequence of source elements in a reference, and most institutions stick to these. However, there are variations between institutions in relation to stylistic presentation of sources. British Standard, for example, illustrates full references showing:

- Name(s) of authors or organizations in upper case
- Year of publication not shown in parenthesis
- Titles in italics.

However, there are institutional variations in this. Some institutions follow British Standard and illustrate names in upper case, while others do not; it is almost universal practice in UK institutions now to present author-date (Harvard) references with the year shown in parenthesis; and most institutions advise that titles can be shown in italics or underlined, with the proviso that the student adopt one practice and be consistent with its application.
This book has followed the common practice of placing the year in parenthesis for Harvard referencing and with the titles shown in italics. For Harvard and both numerical referencing styles, it presents the names of authors and others named in sources in upper case as this is in line with British Standard recommendations and can help distinguish author and other names from other elements in the source. However, students need to follow the recommendations on these stylistic matters given by their own institutions.

The earlier British Standard recommendations did not mention referencing electronic sources in much detail, but in 1997 they issued BS ISO 690–2:1997 *Information and documentation – bibliographic references – part 2: Electronic documents or parts thereof*, an international standard for referencing electronic sources. As this is useful for defining terms, but weak on examples of referencing in action, many institutions have used Li and Crane’s 1996 book, *Electronic styles: a handbook for citing electronic information*, as benchmark for student advice guides produced by them on citing and referencing electronic sources. However, as this book advises on referencing in the APA style, which is close to Harvard style but with some differences, particularly in relation to electronic sources, a hybrid version of both styles can often result.

### Pros and cons of Harvard style

The **pros** are:

- Most useful when all sources are printed, and these have one or more designated authors
- Easy to follow the chronological progress of a particular debate
- Easy to add or subtract in-text citations and references (particularly useful for last minute assignments!)
- Easy to learn; easy to teach
- Familiar – recognizable from many book and journal articles
- No distraction from the text to look at footnotes or endnotes.

The **cons** are:

- Less useful when citing and referencing sources without authors and/or dates, and particularly Internet references
- Awkward for citing television, radio and other audio-visual sources
- Long-winded for citing secondary sources
- In-text citations are normally counted in assignments on most degree courses, as the student takes ‘ownership’ of evidence cited. This can add significantly to the word count.
Harvard style: basic idea

The basic idea of the Harvard style is to:

1. Use citations (a partial reference) in the text, by citing the last name of the author(s) and the year of publication in the text of an assignment.
2. List all references in full and in alphabetical order at the end of an assignment.

Using citations in the text

In the text of your assignment, you give a partial reference (called a citation). This is the last name of the originator, followed by the year of publication. An originator is an author or, if no named author(s), the name of an organization, newspaper, journal, etc. If there is no obvious name of an originator, the title or part of a title can be used instead.

Citing the source as you write involves giving a partial or shortened reference (last name of author(s) and year of publication) in the main body of your written assignment and then giving full details of the source in full at the end of the assignment in a ‘References’ or ‘Bibliography’ section. You can abbreviate lengthy organizational names in the citations providing you explain the citation in the full reference; see the example that follows (YHES 1998).

Example (Citations are shown in bold)

Although Handy (1994) has argued that education is the key to economic success for individuals, organizations and nations, a majority of adults in the UK have yet to be convinced or persuaded of this argument. In 1999 only 40 per cent of adults had participated in any sort of formal learning in the previous three years. Of these, a significant majority was from social class groups A, B and C. Only a quarter of adults from semi-skilled or unskilled work backgrounds had involved themselves in formal education (Tuckett 1999). The consequences for people without qualifications who lose their jobs are often serious. A study of long-term unemployed people in Yorkshire found that 61 per cent had no educational qualifications, and a significant number of these had special learning needs (YHES 1998). There would appear to be a link too, between lack of qualifications, poor health and a disengagement from participation in political or civic life, and which could aggravate the situation of unemployment for the people concerned (Hagen 2002).

The full list of references at the end of the assignment for just these four citations would be in alphabetical order and look like this:

References

Punctuation

In relation to Harvard, the BS 5261–1 advice is to ‘be as simple as is consistent with clarity’ (2000, p.17, 14.7), and it presents examples that show sentence stops after each distinct part of the full reference, for example:


For full discussion on punctuation for all referencing styles, see Chapter 9, ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 8.

Citations in the text

You can introduce citations into the text in a variety of ways, for example:

1. There would appear to have emerged by the end of the twentieth century two broad approaches to the management of people within organizations (Handy 1996).

This introduces a point of view and the student points to Handy as a major proponent of this perspective. The citation here is at the end of a sentence. However, this is not the only way of citing the author. The student could have started with the citation, as follows:

2. Handy (1996) argues that by the end of the twentieth century two broad approaches to the management of people within organizations had emerged.

Or, (if wanting to include Handy as an exemplar of this proposition):

3. Some commentators, for example, Handy (1996), have argued that by the end of the twentieth century two broad approaches to the management of people within organizations had emerged.

Or

4. It has been argued, (Handy 1996; see also Brown 1999 and Clark 2000), that two approaches to the management of people within organizations had emerged by the end of the twentieth century.

In the example above, a major source, Handy, has been advanced, with two (in this case, fictitious) supporting sources, which are presented in alphabetical order. Or
Charles Handy, among others, has argued that by the end of the twentieth century two broad approaches to the management of people within organizations could be observed (Handy 1996).

There is no one ‘right’ way of citing authors. It depends on the context of the sentence and the style of writing adopted at any particular point in the assignment. The important points to note are the importance of giving credit to authors who have influenced your ideas and arguments, and placing the citation in the sentence in a way that makes clear the authorship or origin of the source.

If there is no specific author name, or the term ‘Anon.’ is not shown in lieu of a name, look for the name of an ‘originator’, particularly an organizational name, in the case of websites. In printed material, if no author’s name is shown, you can cite the title of the work, or an abbreviated version of this.

List references in full at the end of an assignment

In the References or Bibliography section at the end of an assignment the basic format for listing references in the Harvard style is shown, as follows.

- All sources are listed in alphabetical order by last name or name of originator; the citation connects with the alphabetical item in the reference.
- Where there is a named author, start with the surname/last name/family name, followed by the initials of the author’s first names. Where there is more than one author, the initials of the first name of the second and subsequent writers precede the last name, for example:
- The forename(s) can be reduced to initials, as shown above, provided that the identity of the person is not obscured by doing this. It is common practice in the Harvard, APA and numerical styles to use initials only of forenames for printed material, although British Standard examples of Harvard and numerical referencing show the full forenames of originators of most audio-visual material and public performances of creative work.
- Alphabetize the prefixes Mac, Mc, and M’ in that order: MacDougall, comes before McAllister, which comes before M’Cardy.
- When alphabetizing names in languages other than English, you should treat the last name in accordance with the conventions that apply in the country of origin. However, here are some recommendations for the most common European languages that are featured in citations and references:
  French: the de following a first name is not normally used with the last name for referencing purposes. However, there are some exceptions, as follows: when De is normally used or associated with the name, e.g. De Quincy; or when the last name has only one syllable, e.g. de Gaulle; or when the name begins with a vowel, e.g. d’Arcy; or when the prefixes Du and Des are applied.
  German: the prefix von is usually not used with the last name in references, unless it has become associated by tradition and convention with a particular person.
  Italian: Renaissance or pre-Renaissance names are cited and alphabetized by first
name, e.g. Leonardo da Vinci. Post-Renaissance and modern Italian family names are often prefixed with *da*, *de*, *del*, *della*, *di* or *di’*, which should be included in the reference, although the alphabetization should be with the last name, e.g. *De Sica*, placed in the alphabet under ‘S’.

**Spanish**: last names should be shown in full, e.g. García Márquez; García Lorca.

The prefix *Del* is capitalized and used with the last name for referencing purposes.

- If the name of author is shown as ‘Anon.’ this goes alphabetically into the list. If there is no author or originator’s name shown, and ‘Anon.’ is not presented in lieu of an author’s name, a title for printed material (as used as a citation) can be substituted. The first letter of the first proper title word can be the guide to placing it alphabetically in the list of references.
- If you are including several works by the same author, they are listed in chronological order, with the earliest work first.
- If you have references with the same first author, but different second and third authors, arrange these alphabetically by the surnames of these subsequent following authors.
- As stated earlier, if you do not have the name of an author, start with the name of the originator. This can be an organization name, e.g. BBC, or the name of a website, e.g. Bized.
- Author name is followed by the year of publication. Although British Standard does not show the year in brackets, it has become common practice now in the author-date Harvard style to do this. The year of publication should be easy to find on printed documents; just look at the printer’s imprint and copyright page, which usually follows immediately after the main title page. All the information you need should be there, including name of publisher, where published, when first published and edition. Always show the edition number for the source you looked at. The edition is different from the impression or reprinted number. Look for the year of the edition and ignore the impression number years. So, ‘Seventh edition by Oak Knoll in 1995. Reprinted 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002’ would be shown as (1995) in your reference – you ignore the reprint years.
- However, in some older books the date of publication may be missing. In this event, put either (n.d.) or (no date). With Internet sources, look for the year the item was placed on the site, or in the absence of this, the year when the site was last updated or, if unsuccessful with either of these two, the year you looked at the information.
- This is followed by the title of the main source consulted. The main source is usually emphasized in some way, e.g. underlined or italics. The main source would be, for example, the title of a book, name of the magazine, journal or newspaper, item title from an Internet site, broadcast production source, title of video or CD-ROM, etc. Whichever mode of emphasis you choose – underlining or italics – keep it consistent throughout.
- If your source is a chapter from an edited book, you then give the name or names of the editors of the book, followed by the title of the edited book, underlined or in italics. To distinguish the name of the editor(s) from the writer, the initials of the editor(s) should precede the last name (see the example that follows).
- In most printed items, you would give details of the publisher. You first give the
name of the town or city where the source was published, followed by the name of the publisher.

- In the case of a journal article, you finish with the reference details of volume, edition/issue number (if shown) of the journal and the page numbers of where the article can be located within the journal.

Examples of the Harvard style of referencing

1 Book (one or more authors)
- Start your full reference with the last name of the author so it connects with the citation, then give initials of writer
- Followed by year of publication
- Followed by title of book: in italics or underlined
- Finally, the place of publication and name of publisher.

Example

In-text citation: (Wilmore 2000)
(Just cite the last name(s) of writer(s) and the year the book was published.)

Full reference:

2 Chapter from an edited book
- Start with the full reference entry with the last name of the chapter's author, followed by initials, then state year of publication
- Then give name(s) of editor(s). The last name of an editor precedes his or her initials, to distinguish editor(s) from the name of the writer of the chapter. Indicate single editor by an abbreviation: (Ed.), or editors: (Eds.)
- State full title of book – in italics or underlined. It is helpful to then give a chapter number
- Finally, give place of publication and name of publisher.

Example

In-text citation: (Nicholls 2002)
(Cite the name of the writer of the chapter or section in the edited book.)

Full reference:
3 Referencing journal articles

- Start with the last name of the author of the article and initials of author
- Year of publication
- Title of article (this can go in inverted commas, if wished)
- Name of the journal or magazine (in italics or underlined)
- Volume number and part number (if applicable) and page numbers.

References to journal articles do not include the name of the publisher or place of publication, unless there is more than one journal with the same title, e.g. International Affairs (Moscow) and International Affairs (London).

Example

In-text citation: (Bosworth and Yang 2000).
Reference:

The abbreviations, ‘vol.’ (for volume), ‘no.’ (for number) and ‘pp’ (for page numbers) can be omitted. However, for clarity and to avoid confusing the reader with a mass of consecutive numbers, they can be included. Note how, in the example above, the initials of the first author follow his last name (Bosworth, D.), but precede the second named (D. Yang). This is common practice with Harvard and both numerical referencing styles.

4 Example of referencing an electronic source

In-text citation: (Dixons Group 2004)
Reference:

Note: If access to the database is password protected, there is no point in giving a URL address. Web addresses are given if access to the source is freely accessible to others. More information on referencing electronic sources will come later, in Chapter 10.

Harvard style in action

The following report illustrates the Harvard style of referencing in action. It is a report that contains a range of sources, including from the Internet. Note where, when and how references are used to support evidence.
CALL CENTRES IN THE UK: IS THERE A FUTURE FOR THEM?

Introduction
This report will examine the future for call centres in Britain. It will look at current call centre work trends and conditions generally in the UK, will use the Yorkshire region of Britain as an exemplar of trends and will discuss predicted work opportunities over the next decade.

Call centres are collective forms of teleworking, where a group of people work on non-domestic premises controlled by a third party. These premises may be called ‘satellite offices’, ‘call centres’, ‘computer resources centres’, and may use workers employed by the parent company or may use subcontracted workers for particular tasks (Huws 1999).

The rise of call centres
The growth in call centres in the West was encouraged by economic and technological factors. From the late 1970s the growth of the service sector focused the attention of large organizations on communication with customers in more cost-effective and streamlined ways. This growth of a service sector economy connected with advances in telecommunications and changes in working practices in Western companies. The logic of call centres was that a centralized approach and rationalization of organizational operations would reduce costs, while producing a standard branded image to the world. The approach naturally lent itself to large companies with large, distributed customer bases.

Currently in Britain 800 000 people are employed in 4000 call centres, but it was predicted that, despite a loss of jobs to India and elsewhere, by 2005 this would have grown to a million workers (DTI 2004). As a result, there is still a future for the UK call centre sector.

This detail contained in the last sentence of the introduction would not be generally known, so is outside of ‘common knowledge’. The source, therefore, should be acknowledged, i.e. (Huws, 1999)

The student presents a historical overview, drawn from a range of sources and where there is unlikely to be any dispute about the facts summarized. Referencing is not essential in this situation. However, if all the facts came from just one source, this should be cited and referenced.

Statistics are presented, so source must be cited, i.e. DTI.
Call centres in Yorkshire

The Yorkshire region of the UK is an example of how call centres can flourish. In South Yorkshire, there has been large investment in call centre development, encouraged by EU regional development. Around 6000 operators are already employed with companies such as Ventura (3750 staff), Selflex (1000) and One-2-One (300); in Doncaster, BT Cellnet employs 900 staff at its call centre (PSU 1996).

In West Yorkshire, 25 call centres had been established in Leeds by 2000, employing around 15 000 people and occupying 10 per cent of office space available in the city. Around a third of the Leeds call centres are within traditional single company financial services and the remainder offer a range of services to their clients, including retail sales, mobile phones services and road breakdown services (Yorkshire Post 24.9.98. p.3.). In Bradford, by 2004, around 7000 people were employed in call centres, and this is expected to rise to 10 000 by 2007 (Bradford Telegraph and Argus 21.06.04. p.4).

Work opportunities and working conditions in call centres

Studies by Huws (1993; 1996; 1999) of teleworking in Britain have described and analysed the evolution of call centre operations. Types of calls are often divided into outbound and inbound. Inbound calls are calls that are initiated by the customer to obtain information, report a malfunction or ask for help. This is substantially different from outbound calls where the agent initiates the call to a customer, mostly with the aim to sell a product or a service to that customer.

Call centre staff are often organized in tiers, with the first tier being largely unskilled workers who are trained to resolve issues using a simple script. If the first tier is unable to resolve an issue, the issue is escalated to a more highly skilled second tier. In some cases, there may be third or higher tiers of support.

A trend originally observed in the USA is also becoming apparent in Britain: of a
‘high’ and a ‘low’ end to the services provided. The characteristics of employment at both ends of this spectrum can be summarized, as shown below:

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<td>• Staff recruited for their knowledge and expertise in these areas</td>
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<td>• Training of staff a high priority</td>
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<td>• Operators require little technical knowledge</td>
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(Source: Huws 1999)

However, all is not well in call centres, particularly regarding working conditions. A report from Income Data Services (IDS 1998) found large variations in pay and work in UK call centres. This was emphasized in a 2004 report commissioned by the Health and Safety Executive that suggested some UK call centres should be compared to Victorian ‘dark satanic mills’. The research found that employees at the worst call centres felt powerless and tied to their desks. Many complained that low wages, poor working conditions and repetitive tasks led to poor job satisfaction and high levels of depression (Management Issues 2005).

It would seem, from the evidence cited so far, that where the dominant focus in any call centre is on answering calls as quickly as possible, the stress levels rise. The complaints by customers about call centre services include those of the length of time in queues, automated menu systems, premium rate lines, having to ‘communicate’ with staff confined to scripts and the lack of continuity of contact with operators between calls.
According to a BBC website, these quality-related problems appear to have risen for a number of reasons:

- The call centre industry is unregulated and no independent body exists to represent the views of consumers.
- Call centres often try to match the number of available operators with the volume of calls coming in, but often the number of calls exceeds this, which results in long queues.
- Some call centres judge operators on the number of calls they take, and set unrealistic targets so customer service suffers.

Call centre operators are often given a script, which is meant to cover all possible scenarios, so are unable to give an answer to an unscripted query.

Operators at offshore call centres do not necessarily have the knowledge of UK culture and language to answer every customer query (BBC 2004).

However, there appears, from the evidence cited so far in this section of the report, to be an increasing recognition of the need for UK call centres to improve the quality of customer experiences. For many businesses the call centres become the yardstick by which they are judged. In a competitive situation, a customer who has had a poor experience is likely to take his or her business elsewhere.

The future for call centres

At one time in the recent past, the call centre industry in Europe was dubbed a ‘bubble market’ after a study into the future of call centres by the London-based economic consultants, Business Strategies, warned that the growth of Internet and automatic voice response technology would make call centre operators redundant (Business Strategies 2000). Another communications company, the OTR Group, suggested around the same time that one in five jobs in all call centres in Europe would disappear over the next decade (Financial Times 1999). The increasing use of automatic voice response technology (AVR) was thought to reduce the need for direct operator interventions, and that the growth of Internet sales would reduce the number of operator–customer contacts.
However, in recent years this prediction has been revised (Huws 1999; Business Strategies 2000). Automated voice response technology is currently unpopular with many callers, who often prefer more human interaction. In Britain, the Yorkshire and Tyne-side accents are popular with callers from within the UK and from other countries, and call centres report that customers from other countries, particularly the USA, are noticeably inclined to lengthen their call times in order to engage Northern British operators in friendly discussion. British Asian call centre operators are particularly in demand to communicate with customers who speak no English. The relative low cost of commercial property and lower wages, compared with those in the South of England, is also cited as attractive factor with employers, and particularly with the public sector.

As mentioned earlier, another more serious potential threat to many UK call centre jobs comes with the increasing ‘globalization’ of work and where multinational companies have subcontracted work to English-speaking countries in South East Asia. In July 2003, the market intelligence company, Key Note, predicted that by 2008 the UK would lose 97 000 call centre jobs to the Indian sub-continent (E-Logistics 2003). British Telecom currently has much of its data entry work done in India, and British Airways has established a call centre in Bombay to handle its bookings (The Observer 2003).

It is certainly true that UK call centre jobs have been lost as employers look to cut costs and relocate overseas. However, USDAW, one of the main trade unions in the call centre industry, has drawn attention to differences in the levels of service between UK and overseas call centres. Referring to studies conducted by a research firm, ContactBabel, of 290 UK call centre directors and managers, and of 44 Indian call centre operations, they highlighted that:

- On average, UK agents answer 25 per cent more calls each hour than their Indian counterparts, and resolve 17 per cent more of these calls first time
• UK call centre workers tend to stay with their company for well over three years, while the ‘burn out’ rates in this £1 billion a year industry in India are extremely high, with an estimated one in three workers quitting within a year.
• More than a third of callers to India have to ring back at least a second time (UK has a first-time resolution rate of over 90 per cent).
• Almost a third of Indian call centres do not measure customer satisfaction, while very few perform any proactive quality checking (USDAW 2004).

It does appear then, that the call centre industry in India appears now to be encountering some of the same problems that emerged in the West and the sector is finding it harder to retain workers as the Indian economy strengthens and career options for well-qualified workers increase. Operators working at a distance from customers are also likely to feel remote from them, physically, socially and culturally. There is no shared understanding of place and society that often underpins discussion between people from similar geographical backgrounds (The Observer 2003).

The recent DTI report suggests that the expansion of call centre services in the UK is likely to be in the realm of more specialization, with UK call centre operators offering a more informed advisory and information services. UK operators are also likely to be expected to use, at least in the short to medium terms, a wider range of communication technology than operators in other countries (DTI 2004).

We can conclude from the evidence cited and discussed in this report that a likely scenario for the future of call centres globally is one where call centres use a mixture of Internet and operator services. The DTI estimates by 2010 that 900 million people worldwide will be using the Internet and already a quarter of UK call centres have staff dealing with email communications from customers (DTI 2004). Developments, such as computer telephony integration (CTI) and Internet provision enable call centres to diversify their products and services. Computer telephony integration enables call centres to offer support services to the online retail market. Although only a small
percentage of sales in the UK are currently conducted through the Internet, this market is growing rapidly. Call centre staff will need to develop more advanced computer skills in the future, and are likely to communicate both by email and verbally with customers.

Conclusion

The future for call centres in Britain is certainly not as gloomy as predicted in the late 1990s, provided that call centres respond to the need for more personal, more responsive and bilingual modes of contact with customers. There is a particularly need in Britain to offer more specialist bilingual services to customers and particularly Asian language services in multi-ethnic areas.

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A bibliography has been presented, as not all the sources listed were cited in the report. The student, however, wants to present to the tutor the totality of reading done in preparation for writing the report.

Now try the exercise that follows. It invites you to think about where to cite references in an essay on the topic of managing change.

Exercise

Now look at an example of an essay, written by a postgraduate student, that follows. The author-date (Harvard) style in-text citations have been removed. Before you start, you may want to quickly re-read Chapter 3 on when you should reference.

Read the following essay and mark with an X where you think the citations should go.

How can theories of managing change be applied in life planning? Give examples to illustrate your answer

‘Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.’ Johnson’s observation summarizes a paradox that many people feel: the tension between remaining in a familiar state, or making a change; a change that is likely to cause some ‘inconvenience’, or more likely, uncertainty. Therein lies the paradox: it is tempting for many people to stay with a situation that has the comfort of familiarity, rather than risk moving into territory for them as yet uncharted. But this assumes a choice over the matter. People are often propelled unwillingly and unexpectedly into situations not of their choosing.

This essay will present and discuss some models for managing change and is aimed at people in three broad categories: first, those who exercise discretionary choice over a given life situation; second, those who are faced with choices they would prefer not to make, but nevertheless have ultimate control of the process; and third, those who have change thrust arbitrarily on them by fate in all its many forms. The examples given will be related to how practitioners charged with the responsibility of managing or supporting others facing change might support the ‘change-seekers’ or ‘change-victims’ concerned. In a business context these practitioners are likely to be members of a Human Resources team, but could also include external trainers, management or life planning consultants.

Change is not received or perceived in a homogeneous way. Gerard Egan, for example, draws a distinction between ‘discretionary and non-discretionary change’. In the former, the individual has a choice about change to make and makes it willingly. The outcome may be ‘inconvenient’ or challenging, but the change, nevertheless, is desired and embraced. In the case of ‘non-discretionary change’, people are faced with situations that are deeply uncomfortable, but they stay in trouble because it is easier to
do so than make the emotional effort to change. Egan traces the roots of inertia in emotional passivity, learned helplessness, disorganization or ‘vicious circle’ self-defeating behaviour. The ‘non-discretionary’ nature of change is because non-change is likely to result in the person concerned becoming ill or making others suffer. The third form of change is described by Harold Kushner in his book of the same name: When bad things happen to good people. These ‘bad things’ manifest themselves in crisis, misfortunes or traumas in all their malignant shades. These things happen because they happen – but some models of change can at least help in the understanding of process, and support for, those involved.

For those actively wanting and seeking change, Maslow’s theory of Hierarchy of Needs offers an explanation as to why individuals seek transition and change in their lives. As basic and intermediate needs (food, shelter, affection) are met, aspirations rise, and people reach out to meet more intrinsic needs, for example, the chance to gain more status at work or opportunity to develop a new interest. In this situation, the ‘Managing Change Approach’ offers a model for plotting the stages involved. Coleman envisages six steps, including the first trigger step of ‘transition’: a sense of wanting change and being able to identify and articulate the reasons and feelings for this. This is an important first step, as it allows the decision-maker a sense of control over the process and gain ‘ownership’ of the idea. The decision-maker proceeds then to steps two and three: information gathering, and considering the options available. This leads to a choice (step four), action (step five) and later a process of reassessment and evaluation (step six).

For this model to succeed there are, arguably, a number of assumptions to make about the discretionary decision-makers. Veronica McGivney suggests a number of favourable determinants in adult lives that can motivate them to return to formal learning, and these can be adapted to connect with the Coleman model. The first determinant of success for the Coleman model is that the person concerned has a belief that he or she could cope with the transition and final change desired. The second is that the person concerned knows, or can find out, where to seek the information necessary to make an informed decision. The third and fourth, crucially, are that the person concerned has enough optimism about the future to contemplate change – and feels that he or she has some control over their life. These latter points are critical pre-requisites for those plotting a life course through the Coleman model of managing change.

The Coleman model connects too, with one advanced in recent years by Bill Law: a ‘Career learning theory’, although Law has been at pains to point out that the theory is relevant to all life choices, not just vocationally biased ones. Law proposes a four-stage model for managing change: sensing, sifting, focusing and understanding. The first three of these connect with Coleman’s middle and latter stages, although Law advances his third stage (focusing) by asserting that this is achieved by a decision-maker engaging with three specific questions: is the choice idea salient; is it valued (in terms of acceptable to self and others); and is it credible (perceived as a sensible or wise decision by self or others)? Law’s fourth stage: ‘understanding’ is explained in terms of an individual’s ability to justify overall a particular course of action chosen. This connects with Coleman’s first stage, but Law pursues the issue further by arguing ‘understanding’ also relates to an ability to identify and explain the relationship of past events to future action, which forms the basis for sustainable action. The process of understanding is
also about being able to anticipate or visualize the probabilities or consequences of actions.

Coleman’s model appears to assume, while Law’s is more explicit in this respect, that making choices involves a certain level of risk-taking. Law explicitly points out that action always entails risk, but that risk can be assessed so that probabilities are estimated:

Autonomous action must involve some such visualization (whether rational or not) of ‘this is what will probably happen if I do this . . .’. It requires the imagination of possible selves in possible futures.

Perhaps the Coleman and Law models are at their most salient in relation to confident, intelligent people who are faced with relatively straightforward economic-related decisions: career, work, accommodation and money. But perhaps they are less applicable when considering change in the realms of human emotion? The role of practitioners however, in these discretionary choice situations can be one of ‘oiling the wheels’ of change for the decision-maker; this would include supplying information, listening, encouraging and generally offering support and guidance. The process of change is likely to happen without the practitioner’s support, but with it change can happen often faster and more effectively.

However, a common scenario is one where a person is faced with a stark choice, particularly of the emotionally charged variety; the choice is often change or suffer. At one level there is ‘choice’ but, as Egan has argued, it is of the ‘non-discretionary’ kind. Egan has noted that people in this situation can vacillate and remain static, rather than face change.

This emotional stasis has been related by some commentators to both lack of confidence – that a particular choice path will lead to certain desirable outcomes, and pessimism about outcomes that might follow from the change. In this scenario, the ‘Stages of Change’ model offers a way of understanding the process of change – or a relapse back into the ‘old habits’. Prochaska and DiClemente related their model specifically to smoking, but it can be equally applicable to any pattern of behaviour rooted in addiction, habit or compulsion. In this model, the process of change begins with ‘contemplation’, and the notion that change is for the better. However, there can be an inner voice that warns: change is ‘risky’, so ‘why change?’ This can produce oscillation between wanting and not wanting change.

However, whatever the accelerant might prove to be, the person concerned can ‘commit’ and be ready for change, which propels them forward, and leads to the ‘maintenance’ stage of maintaining change. The new situation in time becomes the norm, but there is the possibility of relapse, and going back to the starting point of the circle.

The practitioner has a particularly key role to play in helping in the process of reflection at these different stages in the decision-maker’s life. Egan suggests six ways of helping people in this situation strengthen self-efficacy to stay on track with a chosen decision. The first is to help people develop any necessary skills to succeed in the belief that self-efficacy is based on ability. The second is to offer feedback on any deficiencies in performance. This helps decision-makers avoid situations of self-delusion, where they rationalize any lapse or diversion from their original goals. The third is to help the decision-maker see how a change of behaviour or direction produces results, which
connects with the fourth: about promoting others as role models of success. Steps five and six are related to reducing the anxiety faced by people overly fearful of failure: by encouragement and being generally supportive, and reminding the decision-maker of their original motivations.

The third group (the change victims) requires of practitioners the greatest level of understanding about the anguish of change that people can experience. People are often unwilling victims of change, including redundancy, sudden bereavement and financial disaster. Many of the models of change that are applicable to this situation are similar in tracing a pattern of shock, guilt, bewilderment (or anger), a search for meaning, then gradual acceptance of the change.

Some of the earliest studies that noted this pattern date back to the 1930s with studies of unemployment, particularly the experience of older workers. These noted the impact of shock on the newly unemployed, followed by an active hunt for work, during which the individual is still optimistic. But when all job-seeking efforts fail, the person becomes anxious and suffers depression, which can lead to fatalism and adaptation to a narrower state.

More recent studies have confirmed this pattern still applies today, particularly for the older worker. Two commentators both note that anger is often a feature of the response to sudden changes, as well as guilt, self-doubt and depression. The anger is of the ‘why me?’ variety, and when there is often no rational answer to this question depression can follow, arising from a realization of the powerlessness of individuals in the path of unstoppable forces.

There is however, a gradual acceptance of and adaptation to the situation. Alvin Toffler suggests that an ability to cope (and recover) from traumatic change depends on the relative security of other aspects of our lives. He argues that we can cope with enormous amounts of change provided at least one area of our life remains relatively stable. He suggests that there are five main ‘Stability Zones’:

1. **Ideas**: for example, deeply felt religious beliefs, or strong commitment to a philosophy, political ideology or cause
2. **Places**: places that individuals can relate to, on either a large scale (a country) or smaller scale, such as home, street or even office
3. **Things**: favourite, familiar, comforting possessions, and especially things related to childhood or emotional events
4. **People**: particularly valued and enduring relationships with others, especially friends
5. **Organization**: institutes, clubs or societies offering an important source of stability and focus for self-identity.

The role of the change management practitioner in the three situations outlined is to first ascertain whether the person concerned is a discretionary or non-discretionary change seeker, or third a change-victim, as each require different types of help or support. Support for the change-victim can be particularly valuable, and take the form of encouraging the individual to talk through the change experiences and to release feelings of guilt or anger. Understanding these stages can help the practitioner locate a stage the change-victim appears to be in and assist that person to explore relevant new life options and possibilities.
Bibliography


See Appendix 4 for comments on this exercise.
American Psychological Association (APA) and Modern Languages Association (MLA) styles

American Psychological Association (APA) style of referencing

Many psychology departments, and psychology-related courses in the UK, require that referencing in assignments be prepared according to American Psychological Association (APA) style. This section gives you foundation information on the APA style, and Chapter 10 will present examples of references in this style. However, for more detailed guidance, and additional examples, you should consult the APA publications *Concise Rules of APA style* or the latest edition of *Publication Manual*. There are relatively small differences between the Harvard and APA styles of referencing, but students asked to use APA referencing should be aware of these.

In-text citations

Saunders et al. (2003, p.463) summarized the main differences between Harvard and APA styles of referencing in relation to citations in the text of an assignment (Table 7.1):
With group authors, such as large organizations, government agencies and other bodies, the full official name should be presented in full in citations the first time it is used, e.g. Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities, but can be abbreviated on second and subsequent usage in the assignment, i.e. OSCOLA, although it should always be shown in full in the list of references.

**Full reference/bibliography detail**

Authors are listed in the references in the same way as for Harvard (see previous chapter) including the guidelines given earlier for alphabetization of names. However, there are some differences between Harvard and APA, as follow.

**Capitalization and use of ampersands (&)**

American Psychological Association recommendations on capitalization of titles are similar to the examples shown in British Standard, which is to capitalize only the first letter of a book or article title in the first word and the word following a colon in the title; see the following example in APA style:


The exception to this rule would be when naming organizations within a book title, e.g.


Note also with APA style that the titles of main sources are in italics, e.g. book, name of the magazine, journal or newspaper, domain name of Internet site, broadcast production
source, video or CD-ROM, etc. With the Harvard style, titles can be in italics or underlined, providing this is consistent throughout.

As mentioned earlier, British Standard recommendations, on which Harvard style in Britain are based, suggest that ampersands (&) may replace ‘and’ either inside or outside the parenthesis in citations (see BS5261–1 p.16, 13.3), although students need to be consistent in this practice. However, the APA style guide shows the use of ampersands to replace ‘and’ in both citations and full references (Table 7.2):

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British Standard recommendations present names of authors in upper case in the full reference, whereas in APA style they are shown in lower case. Note how in Harvard the initials of the first name of the second and subsequent writers precede the last name, but not in the APA style, although the initials of an editor or editors precede the last name. The APA style manual also shows references with a hanging indent (indented by five spaces after the first line).

**Punctuation**

In practice, there is now very little difference between both styles in the way full references are punctuated; for full discussion on punctuation see Chapter 9, ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 8. Some examples of Harvard style in textbooks and elsewhere show minimum punctuation in references, e.g. no commas between last name and initials. However, British Standard BS 5605:1990 show examples of Harvard style with punctuation similar or identical to APA. Common practice in full references has also now merged to show the year of publication enclosed in brackets in both styles.

**Examples of APA referencing**

1 **Book (one or more authors)**

   Citation: (Murray, 2005)

   Reference:

2 Chapter from an edited book

Citation: (Nicholls & Jarvis, 2002)
Reference:

3 Referencing journal articles

Citation: (Torrance, Thomas & Robinson, 1993).
Reference
evaluation of three conceptual orientations. *British Journal of Educational Psych-

There are, however, more noticeable differences between Harvard and APA in the way
electronic sources are referenced (see Chapter 10 for more information and examples).

Modern Language Association of America (MLA) style of referencing

The Modern Language Association of America was founded in 1883 at a time when modern languages were beginning to be established in the curriculum alongside classical languages. This referencing style is still widely used in Britain on language and related studies degree courses. The MLA has developed its own style of referencing and this is outlined in their guide, *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. Although this style of referencing also cites the name of the author or originator in the text, it differs from Harvard and APA in the following ways.

Citations
- Although the author(s) name(s) are shown in the text, this is followed by page number(s) (instead of year of publication), e.g. (Handy 149) with no punctuation between author’s name and page number(s). Where no page number is available, just give the author’s name.
- If no author name is shown, the title, or shortened version of a title, can be used as a citation.
- If two authors have the same name, you can add initials to distinguish between them in the text, e.g. (K. Smith 53).
- When summarizing an author’s ideas made over a number of different pages, this can be done within brackets, as follows (Handy 29, 67, 113).
- If you cite two or more works by the same author, you can include a full, shortened or abbreviated title, depending on its length e.g. (Handy, Beyond Certainty 44–45),
or refer to the specific title in the text of your assignment, e.g. Handy, in ‘Beyond Certainty’, asserts that . . . (44).

References (or works cited)

- The full list of references at the end of the text is also labelled and presented in a different way to Harvard and APA. It is labelled Works cited (equivalent to ‘References’), or Works consulted (equivalent to ‘Bibliography’), and the second and subsequent lines of a reference entry are indented by five spaces (a hanging indent), with double spacing between lines. Sources in Works Cited are listed alphabetically, but with regards to works consulted, MLA allows for either one list of sources in alphabetical order, or sources divided into sections and items alphabetized in each. For example, a works consulted list might be divided into primary and secondary sources, or arranged by subject matter, or different types of source, e.g. books, journals, websites.
- The last name of a single author, or lead author, is followed by his or her full first name(s), and not just the initial letters of these. However, this is reversed if two or three authors are listed. With second and third authors, the first names precede the last; see examples below:

2. Loach, Ken. (Director) and Sally Hibbin (Producer). Raining Stones. DVD. London: Channel Four Television (FilmFour), 1993.

- If the first name of the writer is not shown on the title page of books or other sources, then just their initials can be used instead. For example, some writers deliberately use their initials in their writing, e.g. A.J. Cronin; T.S. Eliot. However, the MLA handbook (2003, p.48) suggests that you may include first names if you feel the additional information would be helpful, in the following way: Rowling, J[oanne] K[athleen]; as the example shows, the remainder of the name is enclosed in squared brackets.
- The same rules featured earlier in the Harvard style, applying to alphabetization of names, including treatment of non-English names, is applicable also to MLA style.
- After the first works cited entry for this author, the name can be replaced by three hyphens and a stop for other sources by the same author, e.g.
- The MLA Handbook encourages students to ‘avoid ambiguity’ by underlining main source titles (p.94), rather than italicizing them (see examples above), and to use double quotation marks around titles of articles from the main source (see the ‘Referencing a chapter from an edited book’ example).
- In the title, first letter in each word is capitalized.
- The publisher’s name can be shortened, e.g. W.W. Norton can be shortened to Norton. If the publisher’s name is commonly abbreviated, or the abbreviations are likely to be familiar with the readership, they can be used instead of the full title, e.g. MLA, BBC, etc.
• The year of publication usually comes last in the full reference, unless page numbers and essential additional bibliographic information is included, for example, supplementary information about a multivolume work, such as number of volumes, and the dates between which the volumes were published, e.g.:


Additional examples of MLA style references

Referencing a chapter from an edited book

Citation: (Segalen 51)
Reference:

The title of the chapter is placed within double inverted commas; ‘Ed’ is an abbreviation for ‘Editor’; the reference ends with details of page numbers of the chapter in the book.

Referencing an article in a journal

Citation: (Murray: 229)
Reference:

The numbers refer to volume 26 of the journal, issue 3, the year (enclosed in brackets for a scholarly journal) and finally, the page numbers are shown.

Electronic sources

Citation: (Dixons)
Reference:

The item is presented within double inverted commas, while the main source (the FAME database) is underlined; the date the information is retrieved from the database completes the reference. In this online example, the URL address is not shown, as the FAME database is password restricted, and so there is no point in giving a URL address that cannot be publicly accessed. More examples of MLA references, including electronic sources, can be found in Chapter ten.
Pros and cons of the MLA style

The pros are:

• Helps the reader to find a specific piece of evidence easily in a printed source, particularly in a large-scale work or multi-paged newspaper.

The cons are:

• Like Harvard and APA styles, it works less satisfactorily with non-printed sources and can be numerically messy when citing an author or number of authors in the same citation, e.g. ‘Huws has argued (1993: 45; 1996: 23–30; 1999: 33–35) that . . .’ or ‘Commentators on this topic, notably Levin: 93; Raimes: 75–103; Gibaldi: 144, concur that . . .’.
Numerical referencing styles

In Britain, there are two main numerical referencing styles, although there are variants within both of these:

1. Numerical referencing linked to footnotes, or end-of-chapter notes. British Standard refers to this as ‘Running-notes’ style.
2. Numerical referencing, which is linked to a final list of sources. British Standard refers to this as the ‘Numeric system’ of referencing.

1. Running-notes styles of referencing

The main guidelines for referencing in the Running-notes style are found in British Standard Institution (BS) guidelines, *Recommendations for citing and referencing published material*, BS 5605. The Running-notes style of referencing, as shown in British Standard, uses a superscript (or bracketed) number in the text, for example, in superscript:¹ for the first source,² for the second source, and so on. The Modern Humanities Research Association (MHRA) also practises this method of referencing, and MHRA style is still applied in arts and humanities disciplines within higher education in Britain. There are some differences in the way references are presented in both, and students who are asked specifically to follow MHRA style guidelines need to be aware of these differences and should consult the MHRA style guide, *A handbook for authors, editors and writers of thesis*. This type of referencing is also known, but mainly outside Britain, as the ‘Chicago’, ‘Turabian’, ‘Oxford’ or ‘Cambridge’ style.
This system uses a different number for each note or reference in the text each time it is cited. One source may have many different numbers attached to it, depending on how often it is cited in the assignment.

These numbers connect with citations at the bottom of the page (footnotes), or at the end of the assignment, headed ‘Endnotes’ or ‘Notes’. Both methods are usually acceptable and most university departments allow you to choose which to use, providing you are consistent and do not ‘mix and match’. The full reference details of sources are shown against the numbers in the numerical order they appear in your assignment.

A full list of sources, in alphabetical order, usually titled ‘Bibliography’, normally appears at the end, as this is a way of bringing together all the sources referred to in the assignment.

**Pros and cons of the Running-notes style of referencing**

The **pros** are:

- There is a long tradition of using footnotes in essays, which, arguably, gives a dignified presence to their appearance in essays and imparts an air of authority, and credibility to the evidence presented. The long history and authority of footnotes can lead to a spirited defence of its continuation in the face of the march of the author–date (Harvard) style across higher education in Britain (see Grafton 1997).
- This referencing style can be used for both authorial notes and to cite sources. Page numbers can be included in these footnotes or endnotes, so the text of your assignment remains uncluttered with source names, dates and page numbers. It is also particularly useful for referencing secondary sources, as details of both secondary and primary source can be given in the notes, rather than in the text.
- The reader can also immediately identify the source on the same page it is mentioned without having to turn to the references or bibliography. Grafton (1997) argues that the use of footnotes enables writers: ‘... to make their texts not monologues but conversations, in which modern scholars, their predecessors, and the subjects all take part’ (p.226). They serve, therefore, as an opportunity for the writer to add authorial asides away from the main text. Although footnotes can be used within the author–date (Harvard) and related styles, their use within this style is not always encouraged by tutors, who, in the face of marking a hundred or more scripts, would prefer to zip through the text, without pausing to read too many footnote comments.

The **cons** are:

- In mechanical terms, the main disadvantage of the style is that it can be awkward for a student to format last minute additions and changes, although referencing management software has helped to reduce the problems this once caused.
- Students also need to take care when placing numbers in the text, to ensure it is clear to the reader what source is referred to. Thompson (2005) gives an example of how this can type of referencing ambiguity can occur, with an extract from a student assignment:
Example of referencing ambiguity

These factors (various health, alcohol and drug-related issues), among others, contribute to the lower life expectancy of Aboriginal people (sic) to non-Aboriginal people. For males it is 56.9 to 75, respectively. For females, 61.7 to 81.1. 10 Other contributing factors include homicide/purposefully inflicted injury. Aboriginal people 677.1 per 100,000, compared to 28.8.

Health problems can also be linked to other social problems. The majority of the Indigenous community deemed their housing inappropriate by those living in them ‘usually because the dwelling needed repair or did not have enough bedrooms’. 11

10 COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION; Overcoming Disadvantage (2000). Pg. 1–18
11 1994 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Survey, Year Book, Australia, 1996 (ABS Catalogue No. 1301.0).

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In the example it is not clear if the second paragraph is a continuation of the one preceding it, or whether an additional reference was necessary. If it was from the same source as shown in the footnote, item 10, the student could have given it a number, 11, and in the footnotes stated ‘Ibid.’ and given the page number (see ‘Abbreviations’ later in this chapter for an explanation of this).

• But, at another more ideological level, footnotes have been seen by some commentators as supporting poor writing, and more to do with presenting an academic style than with effective communication. Bulley (2006), for example, accuses many academics of poor writing styles: ‘A complex style, full of abstraction and footnotes, is the consequence of a misguided desire to appear scholarly . . . the best academic works have always been written plainly and simply’ (p.14).

• Some readers also find footnotes distracting from the text. Grafton, citing Hilbert (1989), quotes Noel Coward in his remark that ‘having to read a footnote resembles having to go downstairs to answer the door in the midst of making love’ (Grafton 1997, p.70 fn.16).

Guidelines for Running-notes styles of referencing

The following extract from an essay demonstrates the Running-notes style of referencing, following British Standard recommendations, and how it is particularly useful for dealing with secondary sources – see reference 2 in the footnote:

This willingness to listen, negotiate, and respond to adult learners is, however, more related to empathy, than ‘charisma’, a term used by Jarvis11 to describe the characteristics of inspirational teachers. However, the use of this term: ‘charisma’, because of the connotations of magnetism or aura that flow from it, may be an attribute hard for many teachers to attain. Empathy with the learner, on the other
hand, is attainable by the majority of teachers and in the longer term is, arguably, more durable and appreciated by a wider range of students.

As emphasised earlier, empathy involves listening, negotiation, treating others equally and attempting to equalise the power relationship that can exist between teachers and students. It also requires teachers to be honest with students and to give something of themselves to their students. They need to give this essence of self, paradoxically, in both a humble and bold way. Richard Hoggart asserts that all teachers should be wary of charismatic ‘show off’ displays, and compares the approach to a ‘Pied Piper of Hamlet’ teaching style. He points out that shiny-eyed devotion from a class, because of peacock teaching styles, can be addictive for the teacher. But this could also be perceived as an abuse of power, particularly when vulnerable and suggestible adults are involved. He encourages tutors to strive toward assisting students to stand on their own feet and ‘be critical or . . . ironic about us and towards us.’


As stated earlier, at the end of the essay you are normally also expected to list in a Bibliography all the works referred to in your notes, as well as other works you consulted in preparation for the assignment. Some example references, showing differences between British Standard and MHRA styles, are shown below.

**Example of a book written by a single author**

British Standard examples show name of author in upper case. With MHRA style, the form recommended is to show the full name of the author, with first name preceding the last, to indent the second line onward of the full reference by five points and to include the place, name of the publisher and year of publication in parenthesis, concluding with page number, if applicable.

The MHRA style also tends to favour commas to separate parts of a reference, ending with a stop. With MHRA, for books in English, the first letter of principal words throughout the title is capitalized, plus the first letter of words after any colon in the title (see Table 8.1). For titles in other languages, follow the way the title is presented on the book, or conform to any known referencing guidelines for the language in question. In addition:

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The main source can be in italics or underlined in British Standard, although always italicized for MHRA.

Unless page numbers are shown, the year of publication is the last item in the entry for both British Standard and MHRA styles.

With MHRA, the second and subsequent lines of a full reference entry are indented by five points (a hanging indent).

Example of a chapter from an edited book

British Standard examples of numerical style show names of authors and editors in upper case (Table 8.2). Note how the names are used in full in the MHRA style, and the names of the editors are preceded by the abbreviation for editor. The title of the article is also emphasized with inverted commas. Note that the main source, in both examples, is the book in which the chapter appeared, so the book title is italicized or underlined.

Example of an article in a journal

The title of the journal is the main source, so this is the element in the reference that is italicized or underlined (always italicized with MHRA).

For citing multiple authors, see Chapter 9, ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 6.

Note how the word, volume and the abbreviation, ‘pp’ (page numbers), are omitted from MHRA; their omission is optional with British Standard (Table 8.3). However, with MHRA, if you wanted to refer to a specific page number, you could finish with the page number last, prefixed with a ‘p’ (see ‘Example of an Internet source’, Table 8.4).

Table 8.2 Edited book

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Table 8.3 Example of an article in a journal

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As noted earlier, this referencing style uses a different number for each source in the text. So, the same source used in an assignment at a number of different points will have more than one number allocated to it. Therefore, to save you having to keep repeating the same full reference information in your footnotes or endnotes, abbreviations (Table 8.5) are used to link the references.

Grafton (1997, p.235) in a footnote ending to his book, retells a story appearing in the *New Yorker* in 1996, when singer Harry Belafonte, in search of self-improvement, went into a library with a long list of books to borrow. However, the librarian, who wanted him to cut down on the number of books, challenged him. Taken aback, Belafonte replied testily, ‘I can make it very easy. Just give me everything you’ve got by *Ibid.*’

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**Examples of these abbreviations and how they might appear in a bibliography**

3. Ibid. p.71.
5. PARSLOE, E. and M. WRAY. loc. cit.
2 Numeric referencing style

The Numeric referencing style uses a bracketed (or superscript) number in the text, which connects with list of references at the end of the text. If brackets are used to enclose numbers, you can use either square [ ] or curved () brackets, providing you are consistent. What makes it different from the Running-notes style of referencing is that the same number can be repeated, for example, if a source is mentioned more than once in the same assignment. A number in the text of your assignment will, therefore, connect with the same number in your final list of references. Your tutors may also require you to include a bibliography, which would list additional sources consulted, but not directly referred to in the text.

There are three variants of this style in use in Britain:

1 The bracketed numbered referencing examples presented by British Standard (BS) in BS guides: (BS) BS1629:1989 (References to published material) and BS6505:1990 (Citing and referencing published material).

2 Vancouver style, as outlined by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), in their guide International Committee of Medical Journal Editors uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals: sample references.

3 The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) also make recommendations on referencing using this style of referencing. These recommendations are adopted by many electrical engineering and related disciplines in the UK. The IEEE produce an information sheet for authors: IEEE transactions, journals, and letters: information for authors via their website, although many university libraries produce information sheets on IEEE for their engineering students.

The advantage of this referencing style generally is that only one number is used per source or note and therefore there is no need to use the abbreviations ibid., op. cit. or loc. cit., as is the case with the Running-notes style. If you want to refer to the same source on a number of occasions in the same assignment, but to different pages, you can add the relevant page numbers to the bracketed source reference numbers, e.g. (2: 47) or (2: 47–55).

There are only small differences between the three variants of this referencing style in relation to printed material, although the differences with electronic sources are more marked. The differences with printed sources relate to punctuation and order of elements. Also, titles in the Vancouver style are not italicized or underlined. Nevertheless, students asked to adopt one of these variants need to be aware of the differences; see the following examples.

Book reference

Note minor differences in punctuation, and lack of italicization of title in the Vancouver style example (Table 8.6).
**Table 8.6 Book**

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**Journal reference**

Note differences in punctuation, the discretionary use of ‘et al.’ in the British Standard example, and the quotation marks around the title of the article in the IEEE example (Table 8.7).

**Table 8.7 Journal**

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**Internet reference**

You will note with the Vancouver style reference, a wider range of information is included. It starts with the name of the Institute, which is followed by the title of the page and its location (homepage on the Internet). It then includes the place of ‘publication’ (New Jersey) and publishers name (The Institute). It gives the date the site was visited (cited 2006 Oct. 16), includes the screen title (About the IEEE) and finishes with the URL address (see Table 8.8).

**Table 8.8 Internet**

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The IEEE guidelines for referencing electronic information are different from the style recommended for printed sources and are adapted from both APA referencing style and guidelines from the International Standards Organization (ISO). Unlike printed titles, online titles are not shown in inverted commas, and the punctuation is different. It is not necessary to give the date the information was accessed or retrieved; note the differences between the British Standard and IEEE example in Table 8.9.

### Example of an extract from an essay

The following brief extract from a student essay demonstrates how this referencing style works.

Transition and change: the terms are often used interchangeably, and indeed there is a sense of both movement and alteration conveyed in both meanings: from one state of existence to another, or transition. Hopson, Scally and Stafford highlight the movement element implicit in transition, and see it both as a ‘passage’ (journey) that will last a certain ‘period’ (of time) and within that time something happens: ‘one style is developing into another’ (1). So, common within these definitions, is an overall sense that a transition is a cognitive ‘journey’ of indeterminate length at the end of which change occurs.

However, Bridges (2) argues that ‘change’ refers to the context or situation itself, whereas ‘transition’ is aligned to the emotional processes associated with the situational or structural change. Bridges identifies three phases of transition, or emotional change: letting go; passing through ‘the neutral zone’ (when emotional realignments take place); and emergence into a new situation, when every ending is a beginning.

### References

The references are entered at the end of the assignment in the numerical order they appeared (and not in alphabetical order). This is how they would appear in each of the three variants of this referencing style:
British Standard


Alternatively, you could also have put:


(See Chapter 9, ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 6, on how to reference multiple authors.)


Vancouver


IEEE

Frequently asked questions

Answers to 15 frequently asked questions

This chapter presents a range of questions that students most frequently ask about referencing. The questions are, as follows:

1. What is the difference between references and a bibliography?
2. When should I use page numbers in my in-text citations?
3. Secondary referencing: the author of the book I read mentions another author. I want to refer to this other author. How do I reference this?
4. How do I cite and reference books or other sources from an author that has been published more than once in the same year?
5. How do I cite in my assignment where an author has written different books, but has made similar points in each?
6. Referencing multiple sources: how do I cite and reference works written and edited by more than one author?
7. I read a book in my own (non-English) language. Do I give you an English translation of the title in the full reference?
8. What punctuation and capitalization style should I use in referencing?
9. The source has no date. How can I reference this?
10. Can I use abbreviations in references?
11. I have noticed that some writers cite more than one author occasionally in support of a particular argument or point of view. When and why should I do this?
12. Are quotations and all the author-date or page citations in the text counted in the word count?
13. How do I cite sources where no author’s name is shown?
14 How do I cite sources that are recorded on microfiche/microfilm/microform?
15 I have noticed that both parenthesis () and squared brackets [ ] are sometimes used in references. Why is this?

1 What is the difference between references and a bibliography?

This issue was also discussed at the start of chapter three, but here is a summary of the differences. **References** (or ‘Works cited’ in the MLA style) are the items you have read and specifically referred to (or cited) in your assignment.

A **Bibliography** (or ‘Works consulted’ in the MLA style) is a list of everything you consulted in preparation for writing an assignment, whether or not you referred specifically to it in the assignment. A bibliography will, therefore, normally contain sources that you have cited in the assignment and those you found to be influential, but decided not to cite. A bibliography can give a tutor an overview of which authors have influenced your ideas and arguments, even if you do not specifically refer to them. You would normally only have one listed, headed ‘References’ (Works cited) or ‘Bibliography’ (Works consulted), unless your tutor has asked you to provide both.

2 When should I use page numbers in my in-text citations?

Only the MLA style of referencing shows page numbers as an integral part of the citation. With the other referencing systems, the following comments apply.

**Single topic books**

Many single subject books have a main or dominant message, perspective or argument that forms the essential core or essence of the book. Authors build their arguments around these cores by presenting evidence and examples to back up their perspectives or by challenging counter-arguments. If you wish to offer evidence in your assignment that summarizes these essential core perspectives, then a page number is not necessary. You could, though, include a chapter number if you wanted to isolate a particular feature of the core perspective.

However, if you use and include a quotation from the book, you will need to include a page number in the citation, as shown here using the Harvard style:

Ron Todd of the Transport and General Workers’ Union commented, ‘we’ve got three million on the dole and another 23 million scared to death’ (quoted by Bratton 1992, p.70).
You can also include a page number in the citation, if you are referring to some specific detail that is secondary or incidental to the book’s core point or perspective and which would be hard to find without a page number. These might include, for example:

- Statistics
- Illustrative examples
- Author comments not directly related to the main topic
- Definitions.

You would also give a page number if you are using the book as a secondary source – see ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 3.

Other books and sources

The same comments for books on a single topic apply for other sources. If the reader will struggle to find precisely what you looked at without the benefit of page numbers in the citation, then include them. If it is an Internet source, your full reference will include the complete URL address to enable the reader to go straight to the text that you looked at, or will include search terms to lead the reader from an opening page to the source. You may need, however, to include a section or paragraph sub-heading if the section that encompasses the evidence is a lengthy one.

3 The author of the book I read mentions another author. I want to refer to this other author. How do I reference this?

This is called secondary referencing. Typically, you will be reading a chapter in a book and the author will mention an interesting piece of research done by someone else, or provide a useful fact for your assignment, then give a citation, naming another writer or writers.

You have two choices in this situation. You can find and read the source mentioned yourself and check out the accuracy of the summary given by the secondary source author – this is the recommended option. You can refer directly to this author, as you have then read the source yourself.

However, there are circumstances when it would be appropriate to use the secondary source:

- If you find it difficult to find or gain access to the primary source
- If you are confident the secondary source author is reliable and accurate in the way he or she has summarized, paraphrased or quoted the original author
- If you do not need to go into any great depth of analysis on what the primary author has written.
For example, in the book *Licensed to Work* by Barrie Sherman and Phil Judkins (1995), there is a reference to another writer, Ivan Illich, who refers to ‘shadow work’: tasks in society that were once the responsibility of extended families and close communities.

If the Sherman and Judkins book was used as a secondary source, your citation must make this clear. So, within the author–date (Harvard) referencing systems you could write:

Ivan Illich (1981), as summarized by Sherman and Judkins (1995, p.121), has suggested that ‘shadow work’, a term he coined, which means . . . .

or

Illich (1981) has coined the term ‘shadow work’, meaning the tasks in society that were once the responsibility of extended families and close communities (in Sherman and Judkins 1995, p.121).

or

Sherman and Judkins in their book (1995, p.121) refer to the work of Ivan Illich (1981), who coined the term ‘shadow work’ as being . . . .

Within the **Harvard and APA styles**, it is only necessary to give details of the source you looked at. So your full reference would be for the item you looked at:


If anyone wanted to read Ivan Illich’s book to pursue in more depth the point he makes, they could look at *Licensed to Work* and find the full reference details there.

However, with the **MLA style**, you can use the term ‘qtd. in’ (for ‘quoted in’), followed by the author or originator name of the source you looked at, e.g. (qtd. in Raimes 78). But like the Harvard and APA styles, you would only reference the source you looked at in your list of works cited.

However, with both the numerical styles of referencing, your tutors may want you to present full information about both sources, as footnotes and endnotes are useful for containing this additional information. For example, with the Running-notes referencing style, your footnote on a secondary source, as shown earlier, could look like this:

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4 How do I cite and reference books or other sources from an author that has published more than once in the same year?

Within the author–date Harvard and APA styles you use letters a, b, c and onward in your citations to differentiate between the different sources, for example:

The term ‘communication apprehension’ was coined by James McCroskey (1976a) and is defined as . . . .

Later in the assignment you might want to refer to the same author, writing in a different source published in the same year, for example:

Studies suggest that high CA can impact on a person’s behaviour, relationships, the perceptions of others, occupational choice and employment opportunities and education (McCroskey 1976b; McCroskey and Richmond 1979 . . . .

In the references/bibliography, you would then link the two different sources to the citation (as shown here in the Harvard style):


Within the author–page MLA style, you can (a) either make it clear in your text which book or other source you are referring to; or (b) give a shortened version of the title in a parenthetical citation, e.g.

(a) McCroskey, in his book ‘Problems of Communication Apprehension in the Classroom’, argued that . . . (45)

or

(b) (McCroskey, Problems 45)

With both numerical styles of referencing, there is less of a problem. With the Running-notes referencing style you allocate a different number to each source cited and link these with footnotes and endnotes. With the Numeric style of referencing, you allocate a number to the source in question, repeat this number in the text each time you refer to the source, and link the number with the full reference detail at the end of the assignment.
5 How do I cite in my assignment where an author has written different books, but has made similar points in each?

With the author–date Harvard and APA styles you might on occasions want to refer to two or more books that an author has written in a single citation – as the author may have presented the same argument on more than one occasion. You can cite the author with the earlier works listed first, e.g. (Handy 1984; 1994; 1997). These are then listed in chronological order in your full list of references, each separated with a semicolon.

With the author–page MLA style, if the points made by the author are at the core of the book, i.e. a central recurring theme, it might be easier to refer to the author and years in the text, e.g.:

Handy has argued over nearly twenty years that . . .

You could then list the sources you have in mind, along with the sources you specifically cite, in a list at the end labelled ‘Works consulted’, which, like ‘Bibliography’, indicates that the list of sources is not confined to just those specifically cited in the text. If you did need to refer to specific page numbers, these could be linked to a title or shortened version of book titles concerned, for example:

Handy has argued for over nearly twenty years that . . . (see Future of Work:34; Empty Raincoat: 45; Hungry Spirit: 55).

With the numerical styles of referencing, a specific number can be allocated to each of the sources, e.g.:

Running-notes: ‘Handy has argued over nearly twenty years 13, 14, 15, that . . .’
The footnotes would show the respective sources:


A Bibliography, at the end of the assignment, would also list all sources consulted, including the sources shown in the footnotes.

Numeric: ‘Handy has argued over nearly twenty years (1, 2, 3) that . . .’
The same sources, as shown in the Running-notes example, would appear in the References at the end of the assignment:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS


Your tutor may also want you to include a bibliography, which will include all sources consulted in preparation for the assignment, included those cited in the text.

6 Referencing multiple sources: how do I cite and reference works written and edited by more than one author?

This depends on the style of referencing. A distinction also needs to be made between what happens in the in-text citation and in the full reference.

Harvard and British Standard numerical styles

In the citation: if a document has one or two authors, both their names should be given in the citation. If there are more than two (or three in the case of MHRA style), the name of the first should always be given, but the names of the others may be omitted and replaced by the term ‘et al.’ (meaning, ‘and others’), e.g. Burchell et al. 1999 (BS5261–1:2000).

In the full reference: In British Standard BS 5261–1 (2000) the recommendation is that when a publication is by two authors, the surnames of both should be shown in the reference list or bibliography. When there are three or more authors, the names of all may be given, or the name of the first author only, followed by ‘et al.’, ‘and others’ or ‘and (specific number) others’.

So although the first two names should be cited in the text of your assignment, in the full reference it is discretionary whether you add names beyond the first. You may find, however, that institutions often recommend or stipulate in their own referencing guides that up to three authors are listed, and that ‘et al.’ is only used to substitute beyond the first author if four or more are shown. You need, therefore, to follow your institutional guidelines.

If you use more than one author’s name in the full reference, the initials of second or more authors precede their last names; see example below:


You could have substituted ‘et al.’ for the second and third authors, if you preferred. However, as stated earlier, you need to be consistent in what you do.
Vancouver Numeric and IEEE

In the full reference the first six authors are listed, thereafter you can add ‘et al.’ after the sixth author.

MHRA

In the reference the names of up to three authors should be given in full. For works by more than three authors, the name of only the first should be given, followed by ‘and others’ (and not ‘et al.’).

APA style

In the APA citations:

• When a work has two authors, both names should be cited each time the source is mentioned in the text.
• When a work has three to five authors, all of them should be cited the first time the source is mentioned. In subsequent citations only the last name of the first (lead) author is mentioned, followed by et al. (not italicized, and with a stop after ‘al’, plus the year of publication, e.g. Saunders et al. (2003).
• If the citation is used again in the same assignment, the year can be omitted, e.g. Saunders et al.
• If you have two or more different sources, but with the same lead author, cite the last names of as many of the subsequent authors to distinguish the sources from each other, followed by a comma and ‘et al.’.
• If a work has six or more authors, you should cite only the last name of the first author followed by et al. and the year.

In the full APA reference:

• The full name information of the first six authors should be given, but then use ‘et al.’ for the remaining names.

MLA style

In the MLA citation:

• For a work with up to three authors, include all the names in the in-text citation. For a work with four or more authors, use only the first author’s name followed by ‘et al.’.

In the full MLA reference:

• Give names of the three authors in the order in which they appear on the title page, but put the last name first for the first named author only, e.g. Brown, Jim, Timothy Edwards and Mary Lacy.
- When the work has more than three authors, you can use ‘et al.’ to replace all the author names, except the first.

See Table 9.1 for a summary of the above.

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### 7 I read a book in my own (non-English) language.
Do I give you an English translation of the title in the full reference?

You should give details of the source you looked at, which will include the title and author, in the language concerned.

However, it is accepted practice to add an English translation [in square brackets] immediately after the title, particularly if the book was originally published in non-European characters, e.g. Chinese, Arabic and Japanese.

In addition, if the book has also been translated from the original language, the name of the translator should be shown.

British Standard (1989: 6.2) gives an example of this:
8 What punctuation and capitalization style should I use in referencing?

Punctuation

In all referencing styles, except IEEE and MHRA, stops are usually shown after each integral part of the full reference. In relation to Harvard and both numerical styles of referencing, the BS 5261–1 advice is to ‘be as simple as is consistent with clarity’ (2000, p.17, 14.7) and it presents examples that show sentence stops after each distinct part of the reference, e.g.:


Capitalization

All referencing styles except MHRA and MLA show all words in the titles of full references, in lower case, apart from the first letters of titles and names of people, organizations and places. British Standard recommend that capitals are limited to proper names, e.g. Victoria, Essex, Britain; this would include the names of journals, magazines, newspapers, films and works of art referenced in the text.

However, you may find institutional variations on this and it is important that you adhere to the referencing style guidelines issued by your institution. Students on science and technology related courses, for instance, are often required to start the main source title in a reference with a capital letter, but then to use lower case for remaining words, as this tends to be in line with referencing styles found in professional journals; for example (in the Harvard style):


However, students on other courses, and using the Harvard style referencing, may be advised to start each proper word in the title with a capital letter. This tends to reflect referencing styles in journals for disciplines in these areas, and is an example of how British Standard guidelines merge with other practices to produce hybrids.

As mentioned earlier, the APA style guide shows the capitalization of the first letter of a book or article title in the first word, and the word following a colon in the title; for example:


The exception to this first rule would be when naming organizations within a book title, e.g.:


9 The source has no date. How can I reference this?

Older books may not show a date of publication. In that event, state ‘no date’ in your citation and in the reference, or use an abbreviation, ‘n.d.’. You may find other sources, e.g. videos, without apparent production dates, so ‘no date’ or the same abbreviation can be used with other undated sources.

10 Can I use abbreviations in references?

Abbreviations in the text of assignments are not generally encouraged by tutors, except in scientific and technical writing, in tables, graphs and charts, and in relation to the terms ‘ibid.’, ‘op. cit.’ and ‘loc. cit.’, discussed in Chapter 8 (see ‘Running-notes style of referencing’). However, in footnotes and in lists of references or bibliographies they can be used, although clarity always takes precedence over brevity in references. You should use a full word if the abbreviation might confuse readers.

British Standard guidelines, the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers and APA style guide all give advice on abbreviations commonly found and acceptable within full references. However, Table 9.2 shows a common list of abbreviations found in most styles of referencing; MLA referencing style exceptions are shown.

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Abbreviating months

For Harvard, MLA and numerical styles, the months of the year in full reference can be abbreviated, except May, June and July. The APA style shows all the months of the year spelt in full.

11 I have noticed that some writers cite more than one author occasionally in support of a particular argument or point of view. When and why should I do this?

A number of authors can be cited in support of particularly key or important points that you want to make, or to support contentious statements or arguments presented by others. An example was given earlier in the book to illustrate this:

As the behavioural response of communication apprehension (CA) is to avoid or discourage interaction with others it is not surprising that CA has been linked to
feelings of loneliness, isolation, low self esteem and the inability to discuss personal problems with managers or others (Daly and Stafford 1984; McCroskey et al 1977; McCroskey and Richmond 1987; Richmond 1984; Scott and Rockwell 1997).

Multiple sources can add emphasis to a specific point – particularly if it is a central one for your assignment, or is the subject of ongoing debate. As stated earlier, you should be careful not to take this practice to ludicrous proportions, and citing five or six authors is a suggested maximum for this practice; see also ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 12, for other reasons to discourage overuse of multiple citations.

12 Are quotations and all the author–date or page citations in the text counted in the assignment word count?

Normally, yes, although check with your institution on this, as some courses may have decided differently. The general view is that, if you include quotations in your assignment you take ‘ownership’ of them. You have decided to include quotations for emphasis or to make a particular point, so normally you must include them in your word count, unless your tutor indicates otherwise.

In addition, author–date or author–page citations in the text, e.g. (Handy 1994), are also usually included in the word count on most courses, although footnotes, endnotes and the references, bibliography or works-cited lists are normally excluded from the word count.

13 How do I cite sources where no author’s name is shown?

Books
If a book has no author or editor name shown on the title page, you can cite and reference by starting with the title and list the source alphabetically, but ignore any prefix article words: ‘The’, ‘An’, ‘A’. ‘The Hobbit’, for example, would be listed under ‘H’. However, if the book shows ‘Anonymous’ or ‘Anon.’ on the title page, against the author, this can be cited and referenced as such, but only in these circumstances.

Magazine/journals/newspapers
If no author’s name is shown, British Standard recommends citing and starting the reference within the Harvard and British Standard numerical styles with the ‘origin-
ator’s name, e.g. the name of the newspaper. With MLA and APA styles, cite the title, and start the full references or bibliography by letter of alphabet of first significant starting word in the title, again ignoring any article word, e.g. ‘The’, ‘An’, ‘A’.

**Internet sources**

- Never put a www address as a citation in the text.
- Never put the name of a search tool or engine, e.g. ‘Google’.

If no author’s name is shown, look for the name of an organization that produced the source, or, failing that, the name of the host site, e.g. (Business World 2006) to cite, and this title will connect with your full reference entry.

The MLA recommend, however, within this style, to cite and begin the ‘Works cited’ entry with the title of the document if the author’s name is absent. This could be shortened if it is lengthy. For more information and examples on referencing electronic sources, see Chapter 10.

### 14 How do I cite sources that are recorded on microfiche/microfilm/microform?

Sources that have been photographed and stored on microfilm are referenced as for the original item, e.g. book, journal, map, etc. (see examples in Chapter 10).

### 15 I have noticed that both parenthesis () and squared brackets [] are sometimes used in full references. Why is this?

Although British Standard does not show the year in brackets, it has become an accepted hybrid practice in Harvard style referencing to enclose the year of publication within round brackets in line with the APA style, e.g. Hardy, T. (1887). *The Woodlanders*. However, whenever you add information that does not appear in the original source, and which is necessary for identification purposes, this should be enclosed in square brackets.  

Example (Harvard):

The information about the type of source [Online] and the date when the student found it on the Internet [Accessed] is additional information to help the reader understand the type of source and currency of the information, so is contained within squared brackets.
10

Referencing in action: example references

Examples of references for 19 types of sources

In this chapter comparative reference examples of the four most common referencing styles in Britain are presented. These styles are Harvard, APA, MLA, and the two British Standard numerical styles, which can be combined in the full reference.

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A Books

A book can be a hardback or paperback (or ‘soft cover’) publication on any subject, with one or more authors and/or editors. The order in which bibliographic elements appear depends on the referencing style, but the following should be included, if applicable.

- **Name(s) of author(s) or originator(s).** If ‘Anon.’ (anonymous) is shown specifically on the title page, then this should be stated in the full reference entry, but only when this happens. If no author name is given (and ‘Anon.’ is not shown), you can start with the first proper word of the title.
- **The year of publication.** If no year shown, state ‘no date’ or ‘n.d.’, and it may be appropriate to give an approximate indication of when the book was published. This can be done by stating ‘circa’, or ‘c.’, and an idea of the period, e.g. ’circa 1920’, or ‘c.1920’.
- **Main title of the book**, in italics or underlined.
- **Title of a chapter** in an edited collection. This may be contained within single or double inverted commas, depending on referencing style.
- **Name (s) of editor(s)**, if applicable, and indicated as ‘Ed.’ or ‘Eds.’
- **State edition**, but only if it is not the first edition. This is usually abbreviated to ‘ed’.
- **Place of publication and publisher.** The place of publication is the town or city where the publisher is located. If the publisher is outside the UK, state the country, then the town or city, unless this is obvious from the name of the city.
- **Page number or other numeration**, if applicable. The abbreviation ‘p.’ or ‘pp.’ can be used for all styles, except MLA.

### A1 Book: single author

| Table 10.A1 Book: single author |  |
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| **Harvard**                  | **APA**                  |
| **MLA**                      | **Numerical**            |
### A2 Book: two or more authors

(Also see ‘Frequently asked questions’, question 6.)

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### A4 Edited collections of articles (sometimes called ‘readers’)

It is the title of the book that is underlined or set in italics, not the chapter.

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A5 Book published by an agency or organization (no specific named author)

The group that produced the book is the originator, so this takes first position in the reference.

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A6 Translated book

Include name of translator, date of publication of source and date of publication of original work.

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A7 Book in a series

Show both the author(s) and editor(s) names. State if the editor is the series editor (Series Ed.) or volume editor: (Vol. Ed.). If both are shown, list series editor first and volume editor second. Note how the initials (or first name with MLA) precede the last name of the editor.

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A8 Multivolume work

Give full information on the name(s) of writers of the chapters cited or editor(s) names, plus full information of the main title and volume title of the work concerned. You may also need to add page numbers to isolate a particular section of the chapter.

### Table 10.A8 Multivolume work

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A9 Encyclopedia

It is unlikely that the name of an individual writer or contributor will be shown, but if a name is given then start with this: last name first, then the initials of the writer. However, if no writer’s name is shown, start with the title of entry. For well-known general encyclopedias, you can omit the place of publication and name of publisher, but if in doubt, include it.

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A10 Other reference books

If no author is shown for an individual entry, or for the book as a whole, start with:

- the title of the reference book, if referring generally to the book (see example i);
- or title of entry, if that is more relevant to the particular evidence presented in your assignment (see example ii).

Do not cite or reference the name of an editor for a reference work.

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A11 Dictionary

If the author (not editor) is shown on the title page, start with this, if not start with the title of the dictionary. If the dictionary has been revised by another writer, then name this person, as shown in the example below.

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A12 Republished book, including book-club or paperback reprint

State both the year and publisher information of the republished book, and the publication year and publisher of the original version.

If the book you are looking at was originally issued under a different title, give the new title first and publication details, and then state ‘Reprint of . . .’, followed by the original title and original year of publication.

B Pamphlets, booklets and brochures

Pamphlet: a short essay, composition or treatise on a subject, usually printed in paperback.

Booklet: a publication with a limited number of pages, usually printed in paperback on a non-fiction subject.

Brochure: a publication, usually printed in paperback, promoting or advertising a product or service.

What to include in the reference:

- Name s) of author(s) or originator(s). If no author’s name is shown, either start with the name of the organization producing the booklet, or if that is not obvious, the title of it (see example B3)
- Year of publication, and edition, if applicable
- Title, in italics or underlined
- Editor(s), if applicable: (indicated Ed./Eds.)
B1 Pamphlet

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B2 Booklet

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B3 Brochure

Brochures may contain statistical or other information that you might want to include in your assignment. You may need, therefore, to refer to a particular page number so the reader can go straight to this. If no author’s name is shown, start with the name of the organization and name the publisher as ‘author’, or ‘as author’. If no date is shown, put n.d., or ‘no date’, in place of the year. With MLA style, if no author’s name is shown, start with the title of the brochure.

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**C Journals, magazines and newspapers**

**C1 Journals**

You will need to include details of:

- Name of writer
- Title of article
- Name of journal, in italics or underlined
- Volume number, issue number (if applicable) and page numbers. if it is a special edition or supplement to a journal, you need to indicate this, e.g. (Suppl.).

**APA**

Do not enclose titles of articles within quotation marks.
Both the title of journal and volume number should be shown in italics.
The issue number should be enclosed in brackets.
Do not use pp. before page numbers for academic journals, but this abbreviation should be used with newspaper references.

**MLA**

Enclose the titles of articles within journals within double quotation marks.
Put the volume number after title of the journal.
If there is an issue number, put this after the volume number, as shown in example ii that follows, e.g. 220:C3.
For academic journals, put the year in brackets and do not use pp. (page numbers) abbreviation.

With the Harvard and Numeric styles the abbreviations vol., ‘no.’ (number) and ‘pp.’ can be omitted. However, for clarity, and to avoid confusing the reader with a mass of consecutive numbers, they can be included.

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MLA

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References to journal articles do not usually include the name of the publisher or place of publication, unless there is more than one journal with the same title, e.g. Banking Weekly (New York) and Banking Weekly (London).

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C2 Magazines

The same sequence of referencing academic journals applies to magazines with a general readership. However, if an author’s name is shown, start with this.

MLA

For articles in a monthly magazine with a general circulation, show the month and the year. If there is an issue number show this too, and also show the page number(s). Unlike references for academic journals, the year does not need to go in brackets for a magazine with a general readership.

APA

The month of the edition follows after the year for magazines published monthly. For weekly magazines, add the month and the day, e.g. 2006, July 28.
C3 Newspapers

Include the following information:

- Name of writer, if shown
- Name of the newspaper, in italics or underlined
- Day, month and year of publication. For Harvard, MLA and Numerical styles, the months of the year can be abbreviated, except May, June and July. For the APA style spell out the month in full.
- Title of article
- Details of any special identifying feature, e.g., late edition, review sections, supplements. If a particular edition is involved, e.g., late edition, this can be shown next to the date, e.g., 4 June 2006 (late edn.)
- Page number(s).

### Table 10.C2 Magazines

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**Newspaper item (no author’s name shown)**

Short, snippet-type items in newspapers, without author’s name given, can be cited just by giving full details in the text of your assignment (citation only). If it is a local paper, it is helpful to include the city of origin, e.g., (Bradford *Telegraph and Argus* 21 June 2004, p.4). If the item is in a supplement, give information of this after the name of the newspaper, e.g., *Financial Times: FTfm (Fund Management)* 12 Dec. 2005, p.3; or *Financial Times (FT Companies and Markets supplement)* 12 Dec. 2005, p.24.

However, the article is particularly significant, in terms of data provided or for other evidential purposes in the assignment, it should also be included in the references or bibliography list, as follows.
Table 10.C3ii Newspaper item (no author’s name shown)

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MLA

APA

Numerical

D Occasional papers and reports

For all discussion, occasional or working papers and all types of report you should include:

- Author’s name
- If no name of author, start with name of organization
- Year of publication
- Full title of report, in italics or underlined
- Subsection or subtitle information and edition number
- Place of publication
- Name of publisher or originating organization
- Volume, sections, page number(s) if not cited in the text. abbreviations ‘p.’, or ‘pp.’ can be used, if required, for all styles, except MLA.

D1 Discussion paper (named authors)

Table 10.D1 Discussion paper (named authors)

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D2 Occasional paper (with a named author)

Table 10.02 Occasional paper (with a named author)

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D3 Annual report: non-commercial organization (no named author)

If no named author, start with the name of the organization. Give full details of the report, plus any information on relevant subsections and pages, if applicable.

Table 10.03 Annual report: non-commercial organization (as named author)

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D4 Annual report: commercial organization (no named author)

Company annual reports often involve multiple authors and rarely show the name or names of the compilers or editors. If they do then start with these. If not, start with the company or organizational name, then give the year, full title of report, details of any relevant chapter or section. You can also include page numbers, if applicable, and details of publisher, which is often the organization concerned.

Table 10.04 Annual report: commercial organization (no named author)

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**D5 Other reports (no named author)**

Give as much information as is necessary to identify title, subsection and page numbers of the report concerned.

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(See also E, ‘Government publications’, next entry, for other examples of reports.)

**E UK government publications (non-parliamentary)**

The publishers for many UK government publications is The Stationery Office (TSO), although documents published before 1996 are usually shown as published by HMSO (Her Majesty’s Stationery Office). The Stationery Office was privatized from the HMSO (now the Office of Public Sector Information) in 1996. However, other government departments and agencies also produce their own publications, e.g. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM), Department for Transport (DfT) and Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Government-sponsored research may also be published by other bodies or organizations, see example E3.

You need to include the following information:

- Name of author(s) or name of government department or agency. You may also need to mention the country of origin, if it is not obvious from the place of publication
- Year of publication
- Title of article or the title of publication, in italics or underlined
- Place of publication and name of official publisher
- Volume or edition date number, table or page number, if applicable.

**E1 Government publication (no named author)**

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E2 Government publication (named author)

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**Table 10.E2 Government publication (named author)**


E3 Government-sponsored publications

Government-sponsored reports often have long titles, but become commonly known by the name of the chairman/chairwoman of the committee responsible. You should always give the full official title of the report in a reference, but you can also give the popular title, if you wish. An abbreviated title can be shown in citations in the text, but the full title must always be explained in the reference, as shown in the example that follows.

**Table 10.E3 Government-sponsored publications**


F UK parliamentary publications

United Kingdom parliamentary publications can be grouped into four main categories:
Table 10.F0 Categories of parliamentary publications

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<td>• Parliamentary debates (Hansard, abbreviated House of Commons or Lords: HC and HL)</td>
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(Source: Butcher 1991)

What to include:

- United Kingdom Parliament: The House of . . . (Commons or Lords)
- Year of publication
- Title of publication, in italics or underlined
- Place of publication and name of publisher
- Other identifying features, e.g. details of Paper, Bill, Series, numbers.

F1 Minutes of proceedings

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F2 Parliamentary debates

Hansard is the collective name of the independent record of debates and speeches in the Chamber of the House of Commons, sub-chamber in Westminster Hall and in Standing Committees of the House of Lords. The impartial recording of parliamentary proceedings dates from the early nineteenth century, but the term ‘Hansard’ derives
from Thomas Curson Hansard, the son of Luke Hansard, a printer in the House of Commons. Thomas Hansard employed reporters to record verbatim parliamentary procedure and their reports rapidly gained public respect for their accuracy and attention to detail.

Today much the same procedure applies, with Hansard reporters in the Press Gallery recording by shorthand, or by sub-editors recording the proceedings of Westminster Hall and the Standing Committees.

Hansard is produced in daily, weekly and bound volume versions of proceedings in the Chamber of the House of Commons. In Select Committees there is no Hansard record published, but instead ‘minutes of evidence’ are published by the Committee and form part of their report.

There is a fact sheet (ref. G17) that can be obtained from The House of Commons Information Office, London SW1A 2TT, and this give examples of how to reference Hansard entries.

For all styles of referencing the following abbreviations should be used:

HC Deb: House of Commons Debate
W: Written Answers
WH: Westminster Hall
WS: Written Statements
SC: Standing Committee
c: column numbers.

Harvard, APA and MLA citations in the text can show ‘United Kingdom Parliament’ (or UK Parliament) and the date, e.g. (United Kingdom Parliament 13 Nov 2001), and these can then link to the full references.

Full reference examples:

- United Kingdom Parliament HC Deb 13 November 2001 c345; or cc345–6 or c134W or c101WH or 1WS

For the older versions of Hansard, the volume and series numbers can be quoted. Examples:

- UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT HC Deb 3 February 1977 vol 389 c973
- UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT HC Deb 17 December 1996 vol 596 cc18–19
- UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT HC Deb 4 July 1996 vol 280 c505W
- UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT HC Deb (5th series) 13 January 1907 vol 878 cc 69–70.

In Standing Committees, the citations are, as follows:

- UNITED KINGDOM PARLIAMENT SC Deb (A) 13 May 1998 c345.

Note: the term ‘United Kingdom Parliament’ has been added to the above references. This term is used on the office website for parliamentary sources in Britain, so has been used here to make it clear which country is referred to.
However, British Standard BS 1629: 1989 offers an alternative version of citing Hansard, as follows:

- GREAT BRITAIN. House of Commons. *Official Report. Parliamentary debates (Hansard)* . . . (then details, as above examples) (see BS 1999 p.18)

Check with your tutor which version is preferred.

**F3 Command papers**

Command papers are those ‘commanded’ by the sovereign to be presented to Parliament, including ‘White’ or ‘Green’ Papers: policy proposals or consultation documents, or reports of committees of inquiry, responses to Select Committee reports and other important departmental reports or reviews.

References to Command papers should include name of originating department, title, Command paper number and year of publication.

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**F4 Select Committee reports**

Select Committees examine particular and selected subjects. In the House of Commons they review the running of each of the main government departments and associated public bodies and have the power to take evidence and issue reports.

In the House of Lords, Select Committees examine broader issues, such as the European Union, and Science and Technology.

You should include the name of the Select Committee, title of the report, and HC or HL to indicate House of Commons or House of Lords respectively, and the serial number of the report.

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The numbers in squared brackets indicate paragraph numbers. If you wanted to refer to sequential paragraphs, this can be done by linking them, e.g. [75]–[80]. See also ‘Legal documents’, next section.

G Legal documents

Students on law degree or related courses will learn a referencing style that is particular to this subject, which is usually the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA). This is the style used by the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, which contributed to its development. However, students on other courses, who occasionally have to cite legal cases, may also find this section helpful.

OSCOLA style of referencing

More detailed information on the OSCOLA style of referencing can be obtained from the website of Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, and most institutions of higher education that offer law degrees will offer students summary versions of the OSCOLA guide. Briefly, the OSCOLA referencing style links with the Running-notes style of referencing in that it uses raised or superscript numbers in the text, combined with footnotes. The OSCOLA style is, however, different to the four main referencing styles in the way it is presented.

With books, for example, the first name or initials of the author(s) is presented before the author’s last name, without a stop or comma between them. Also, the title is always in italics, and the edition, publisher, place of publication and date are enclosed within brackets. Page numbers can be included, if relevant, as last items in the reference. When there are more than three authors, just state the first, followed by ‘and others’.

OSCOLA examples:

- P Loose and others, *The Company Director* (9th rev edn Jordans, Bristol 2006)

(Note: the book mentioned above, *How to Cite Legal Authorities*, is recommended reading regarding citations and referencing for any student studying for a law degree.)

Cite essays and chapters in edited journals, as follows:


A minimum of punctuation is used, and commas should be used only to stop words running into each other. All words in the title should be capitalized, except prepositions (‘of’, ‘by’, ‘which’), articles (‘the’, ‘an’, ‘a’) and conjunctions (‘and’, ‘or’).

G1 Case citation

Case citation is a frequent occurrence in law course assignments. You need to include:
• Names of the parties
• Year, in square or round brackets (see below discussion for when to do this)
• Volume number
• Abbreviated name of the law report series
• First page of the reference.

Case names should be italicized in assignments, e.g.:

*Murphy v Brentwood District Council [1990] 2 All ER 908*

When referring to a case for the first time, give its full name exactly as it appears in the report. In subsequent references a case can be referred to by a shortened name, e.g. *Murphy v Brentwood District Council*, and can be referred to as the *Murphy* case.

If you give the full details of the case in the text, you do not need to repeat the information in a list of references.

Examples:

1. *Campbell v Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd [2004] 2 All ER 995*
2. *Rees v United Kingdom (1987) 9 EHRR 56*

You could, however, refer to part of the citation in the text, e.g. *Campbell v Mirror Group Newspapers*, and give the full reference details in footnotes.

**Square or round brackets?**

Square brackets are used when the date is essential for finding the report. Round brackets are used when the date is merely of assistance in giving an idea of when a case was featured in law reports that have cumulative volume numbers.

**Abbreviations?**

The abbreviations in the examples shown above refer to All England Law Reports (All ER) and European Human Rights Reports (EHRR). A full list of abbreviations in the names of law reports and journals can be found at the Cardiff University ‘Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations’ website at http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/searchabbreviation/ or from OSCOLA.

**Punctuation?**

Use open punctuation – no stops after parts of the abbreviation, e.g. *All ER* (and not *All. E.R.*)

**Specific page references?**

When a particular passage is being quoted or referred to, the specific page references must be included, e.g.:

*Jones v Tower Boot Co Ltd [1997] 2 All ER 406 at 411*
Judge’s name?

When the judge’s name is being quoted or referred to in a particular passage, the judge’s name should be provided as part of the citation, e.g.:

That was the opinion of Lord Mackay LC in Pepper v Hart [1993] 1 All ER 42 at 47

G2 UK Acts of Parliament (Statutes)

These are Acts passed by Parliament, which eventually receive royal assent and become law. You would normally list the source in the full reference, as follows:

- Title of Act and year
- The part: pt, and section: s, and/or
- The schedule: sch, and section: s.

Example:

Citation: (Data Protection Act 1998)

Note: the year: 1998, does not appear in brackets in the reference, as the date is part of the title.

For older statutes, the Oxford Standard suggests it can be helpful to give the appropriate year of reign and chapter number, e.g. Crown Debts Act 1801 (14 Geo 3 c 90), meaning that the Act was given Royal Assent in the fourteenth year of the reign of George the Third, and was the ninetieth Act given Royal Assent in that parliament, hence c 90).

G3 UK bills

A bill is proposed legislation before Parliament. Bills are cited by their name, the Parliamentary Session, the House of Parliament in which it originated and the running order assigned to it, and any relevant sections or subsections. HC = House of Commons; HL = House of Lords.

Example:

Citation: (Identity Cards Bill 2004–5)

G4 UK statutory instruments

These are orders and regulations linked to particular Acts and should be referenced by name, date and serial number (where available).

Subsidiary words in long titles within the in-text citation may be abbreviated (see example below), but the full title must be given in the reference.
Example:

**Citation:** (Telecommunications (LBP) (IC) Regulations 2000)

**Reference:** The Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000.

**G5 EC legislation**

European Community (EC) legislation (Regulations, Directives and Decisions), and other instruments (including Recommendations and Opinions) should be referenced by providing the legislation type, number and title, then publication details from the *Official Journal (OJ)* of the European Communities. Be warned, these references can be lengthy!

Example:

**Citation:** (Commission Regulation 1475/95)


The capital letter ‘L’ in the example, i.e. ‘*Official Journal L*’, indicates the series stands for Legislation; the C series contains EU information and notices, and the S series contains invitations to tender (see Oxford Standard p.18).

**H Standards and patents**

**Standards**

The full reference should include:

- The number and year of standard, e.g. BS 5605:1990
- Year of republishing, if applicable; see example below (shown in brackets for APA and Harvard)
- Title of Standard, in italics or underlined
- Place of publication, and name of publisher.

**H1 British Standard**

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H2 International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

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H3 Patents

The full reference should include:

- Name(s) of inventor(s) or patentee(s)
- Year of publication
- Title of patent, in italics or underlined, with the exception of MLA style, which does not show a title underline for this particular type of source
- Country of origin and serial number
- Date of application and date of acceptance.

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I Course manuals and lecture notes

You can also refer to printed course given to you by teaching staff.
You need to include in the reference:

• Name of the lecturer
• Year of lecture
• Title of lecture or course notes. These can be in italics or underlined, but this is not strictly necessary, unless the notes have been made more widely and publicly available
• Title of course or module
• Level (undergraduate or postgraduate)
• Name of institution, department or school.

These notes may be a primary source, e.g. a summary or explanation written by a lecturer, or a secondary source, where a lecturer is quoting what someone else has said, or referring directly to a third person.

To illustrate the difference between primary and secondary sources, the following extracts from two student essays illustrate the use of a course manual as both a primary and secondary source. Harvard style referencing has been used to illustrate both examples.

Primary (Extract 1)

When choosing from the mix of promotional activities available to market a product, the market objectives should be the main driving force. Low (2004) has suggested four main questions: who is your target group? What do you want them to do? When do you want them to act? And how much are you prepared to spend to communicate with them?

Secondary (Extract 2)

Marketing Communications has been defined by Fill as a process ‘through which an organisation enters into a dialogue with its various audiences’. The objective is to influence in a positive way a particular target audience in its awareness, understanding and actions towards that organisation and its products or services (Fill 2002, as cited in Low, 2004, p.2).

The secondary reference for the extract above, in the four main referencing formats, would be presented, as follows:
However, you might want to go to the original source, i.e. Fill (2002), to enable you to expand on the definition presented, or to be critical of it. If you did this, you could then treat it as a primary source and cite and reference Fill instead of Low.

### J Unpublished work

You can reference work of scholarly interest that is unpublished, providing it is still publicly accessible in some way. ‘Unpublished’, in this sense, means that the source has not featured in any publication produced for large-scale public consumption, although it may be available as a limited circulation document, e.g. to delegates, members of a group, internal circulation within an organization. Despite the limited circulation, it is often possible to obtain copies of these documents, although you should be wary of their validity as evidence unless the work has been subject to critical scrutiny in some way; for example, by the delegates at a conference or seminar.

Unpublished work you might want to use could include:

- Dissertations
- Papers presented at conferences and seminars
- Manuscripts and other documents in libraries and archives
- Personal correspondence, if relevant to make particular points
- The minutes of meetings.

The same basic format referencing published work applies for referencing unpublished sources. You should include:

- Author name(s)
- Year
- Title or name of work/conference/seminar, in italics or underlined
- Name of any host institution
- Location of archive material, if applicable
- Any other information to help locate the material.
J1 Dissertation

If the author of a manuscript is not known, start with the title of the manuscript, or collection of manuscripts (italics or underlined). Include any date or year of the manuscript, if known, plus the name of the collection and any reference number (also in italics or underlined). State the name and place of archive and add any additional relevant information to help others locate the material.

Examples:

- *LNWR plans* at West Yorkshire Archive Service, Kirklees, ref. KX272.

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J4 Unpublished proceedings of a meeting

Give names of contributors or presenters and full details of the meeting, including name and date of meeting, where it was held and details of any formal contribution made to the meeting by speakers or delegates.

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K Cartographic material: maps and atlases

If you wish to use illustrations in any work that will be publicly accessible, you will need to seek permission from the people or organizations holding copyright.

For referencing purposes, treat any illustrated or cartographic material in the same way you would books. If there is any named author, illustrator or photographer, start with this, if not give title of the item.
## Atlases

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## Maps

You should include:

- Name (e.g. Ordnance Survey)
- Year
- Title of map, italics or underlined
- Sheet number and scale
- Series (if applicable)
- Place of publication and publisher.

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Maps for countries outside Britain should include the title of map in the language of the country concerned, although a translation could be included if non-European characters have been used.

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It may be necessary to state the medium, i.e. satellite image.

With old maps, give title, date (or c: circa) and where the map is located.

L Graphs and charts

It is important to cite and reference all sources imported in or used to construct graphs, tables and charts in your assignments. For example with the constructed table, which follows, the source (in Harvard style) is shown below the table. If more than one source has contributed to the compilation, show all these in the citation and list them separately in the references.
The above table would be referenced, as follows:

Table 10.L2 Reference for source of Table 10.

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M Visual art and graphics

These can include original paintings and any form of photographic or printed graphic illustration, including cartoons, line drawings, advertisements and postcards. You should state the artist’s name, title of work, type of work and where the work can be located or viewed, e.g. book title, name of gallery, etc. If no artist name is shown, start with the title, in italics or underlined, and then give as much information as necessary to help others locate the source. British Standard show full first name(s) of originator for visual sources for both Harvard and Numerical Styles.

M1 Painting exhibited in a gallery

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**M2 Photographs**

You should include:

- Name of photographer
- Year photograph taken, or approximate date, e.g. ‘circa’ or ‘c’;
- Title of photograph, or description, if no title. Titles should be in italics or underlined
- State medium, and enclose this description in square brackets, e.g. [photograph]
- Publisher or where photograph is to be viewed.

If it is a personal photograph, start the reference with a general description of the subject, but this does not need to be in italics or underlined. Then state the name of the photographer (if known), and the date, or approximate date, the photograph was taken. You also need to state who has ownership of the photographs.

Examples:


**Table 10.M2 Photograph in a public collection**

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**M3 Book illustration**

You should include:

- Name of the artist or illustrator, if known
- Date work originally completed (if known), or the year book was published
- Title of plate (if any)
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- Author/editor of book, if different from artist
- Title of book and when published, if not already given. As this is the primary source, show this in italics or underlined
- Where published
- Publisher.

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M4 Graphic art: cartoon (artist’s name not shown)

If the artist’s name is not shown, start with the name of the originator or title of the graphic. If the artist’s name was shown, start with this. Make it clear what type of graphic art is referenced, e.g. advertisement, cartoon, poster, where it was publicly shown and give any other identifying information, e.g. title of the work.

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N Audio–visual sources

This section includes any transmitted or produced visual and audio means of communication, including radio, television, music, cinema and other film productions (for live performances, see section O).
Radio and television

References to television and radio programmes should contain the following information:

- Writer of programme, if relevant
- Producer of programme, if relevant
- Title of the programme, in italics or underlined, and name of episode, if relevant
- Title of the series, if applicable
- Name of the radio or television network, e.g. BBC Radio 4
- Place of broadcast, if it is a regional station, e.g. Bradford: Pulse Radio
- Broadcast or transmission date.

British Standard examples of Harvard and Numerical styles of referencing for audio/visual transmitted or produced sources, show the full first name(s) of presenter(s) or originator(s).

If you miss them at the time of the broadcast, the names of the authors/presenter or producers can normally be found on the websites of the broadcast stations concerned. If you feel the names of authors/presenters and producers are not required, start with the title. It might be, for example, that the points made generally in a radio or television programme are more important to you than the details of people involved in the production.

However, if it is a work of fiction, or where the author/presenter’s identity is associated with the programme, then you need to include this information. If someone has been interviewed (see television programme example below), and the interview is the basis for the citation and reference, the reference should start with the name of the person interviewed.

N1 Radio programmes (three examples)

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### MLA


### Numerical

RICH, Emma. Interview with Jenni MURRAY. *Woman’s Hour*. BBC Radio 4 broadcast, 4 July 2006.

### Table 10.N1iii Radio programme

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### Table 10.N2i Television programme

#### Harvard


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### Table 10.N2ii Television programme

#### Harvard


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#### MLA


#### Numerical

N3 Audio productions on CD, tape and vinyl LPs

You should include:

- Name of writer, if applicable, e.g. songwriter, composer, poet
- Title of item, in inverted commas or italics
- Specify the medium and (excepting MLA) enclose description within squared brackets, e.g. [CD-ROM]
- Track, side or position on medium
- Give name of producer, speaker, reader or performer(s), whoever is relevant to the evidence presented
- Where produced and publishers/producers of item, e.g. name of record label and any reference number
- Date (year) of copyright or production, if known.

The order in which you include items depends on the desired emphasis. You may, for example, want to call attention to the original writer, or to the performer, or to the title of the item.

Examples:

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These include any film produced, on DVD, VHS or downloaded from the Internet for entertainment, interest or educational purposes. There is no set formula for listing elements, although both the APA and MLA offer examples in their respective style guides. However, in most instances you should include:

- The title, in italics or underlined
- Year of release (or production, if emphasizing DVD or VHS medium)
- Medium, e.g. [DVD] in squared brackets (exception of MLA)
- Volume, part number or episode (if in a set)
- Country of origin (where made)
- Place and name of distributor/movie studio.

The order in which these will appear will depend on the reason or emphasis that you wish to place on their inclusion in your assignment. You may, for example, be discussing the work of the director generally or referring to the playwright, in which case you would want to start with their names. Or, it might be the film itself, the themes, metaphors, dialogue, that interest you, so in this instance the title will feature first. Some examples:
**Film: fiction**

### Table 10.N4i Fiction film

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Non-fiction film productions

It may be necessary to add postal or Internet contact details to help others locate the smaller, independent production companies.

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0 Public performances and events (including theatre, dance, music, talks)

You may want to reference a live event or performance to discuss an aspect of a talk, performance or production, or to use an extract from it to make a particular point. Wherever possible, try to include some printed evidence, e.g. a programme, that you could present as an appendix item in your assignment to support the points you make.

01 Play

The scripts of plays are usually available in printed form, so you should be able to give details of the playwright and the publisher of the script, particularly when referring to dialogue, or to any themes and metaphors underpinning the dialogue. To reference dialogue in plays, start with the name of the playwright, then state year of publication, title of play (in italics or underlined). You also need to state the medium, e.g. ‘play’, unless it is obvious, and include details of the Act, Scene and/or page number, and publisher information.

If your emphasis is more concerned with the production, you can give more attention to this and less on other details. In this instance, you would start with the name of the play.

With performance arts sources, British Standard examples show full first name(s) of originator for Harvard and Numerical referencing.

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02 Dance

As with theatrical productions and film, the emphasis in the reference will depend on the context of the assignment and what is being discussed. The emphasis, for example, might be on the choreography and music, or on the main performers.

However, you would normally include:

- Title, in italics or underlined
- Details of medium (e.g. contemporary dance; ballet) unless obvious from the name of company
- Year of production
- Name of dance troop or company
- Place of company base, or place of performance.

You could include also names of performers, choreographer, musical composer or arranger and other details, as necessary.

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03 Music

To reference a live music performance, you would normally start with the title of the work (in italics or underlined), followed by name of composer, then give details of the performance, including name of performers and place of performance. Other details can be included, if relevant, including name of conductor or leader, and names of soloists. It may be occasionally necessary to clarify that it is a music performance, if this
is not obvious from other details supplied (see also section R: Miscellaneous: music scores).

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**04 Other live public event (e.g. talk, reading, address)**

In most instances start with name of speaker, performer or principal person, title or type of event or performance, and the date of event and its location. Add other detail that is relevant to the source and point being made in the assignment. If there was a title given to any speech or talk, this can be shown in italics or underlined.
Referencing course lectures

You can reference lectures from course tutors and visiting guest speakers. You can include:

- Name of lecturer
- Year
- Medium (lecture) and details of lecture, e.g. title or topic
- Module and course details, including academic year
- Place and name of institution
- Date of lecture.
You could include evidence from the lecture, e.g. handouts, as appendix items, if relevant.

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### Q Interviews and discussions, including telephone conversations

Personal communications, without supporting data, should be only cited in the text, or footnoted, but are not given a full reference. A citation-only in the text of an assignment might look like this: (Telephone conversation with author 21 Oct. 2006).

However, if data has been collected and can be made accessible to others, e.g. interview notes, transcripts, completed interview questionnaires or recordings made, then a full reference can be given. Written data collected from interviews can be added as appendix items, if appropriate (check with your tutor).

If you include a full reference for this type of evidence, you need to include the family name of the interviewee, initials, year of interview, the purpose of the interview, place of interview, name of interviewer (if you are the interviewer: ‘with author’), and date of interview. You could also refer the tutor to the appropriate appendix item, as shown in the first example that follows.

You do not need to underline or italicize the title element of the full reference.

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You could also reference published interviews in journals, magazines or elsewhere. The sequence for this would be:

- Name of person interviewed (last or family name first, then initials)
- Year of interview
- Title of interview
- Explanation of interview
- Interviewer’s name
- Title of publication (in italics or underlined)
- Publication details, including full date and page number.

Example of published interview (in Harvard style):


**R Miscellaneous sources**

**R1 Music scores**

Music scores are treated like books, except that the date of composition appears after the title. If there is no year of publication shown for the score, put ‘no date’ or ‘n.d.’.

### Table 10.R1 Music score

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**R2 Posters or wall-charts**

Posters or wall-charts can contain useful information or may be of artistic, social or historical importance. In the text of the assignment you would normally outline your
reasons for citing the poster or wall-chart, so the reference detail you give is to help others identify the source. So keep information to a minimum, but supply enough to help others to trace it, if required. Include name of the designer or artist, if known, title or type of poster, year of publication, state medium, e.g. [wall-chart], details of the source or supplier, and exact date of issue if it was issued as a supplement in a newspaper or magazine.

If the poster is on display in a public collection, state the place and name of the museum or gallery. In the example that follows, the poster does not have a title, so the description of the item (recruitment poster) is not in italics or underlined.

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R3 Postal items

First day issues, which are envelopes bearing the cancellation dates of the first day of issue of stamps, can be interesting as historical or design sources. They are usually mailed from the place where the stamp was first put into circulation. You should include country of origin, year, nature or type of first day cover, number (if a limited
edition), design features of stamp, if relevant, and any significant markings or postal franking on envelope.

Table 10.R3 First day issue

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**R4 Postcards**

Postcards can be useful sources for the social or art historian. You would normally describe the features of the relevant postcard in the text of your assignment, so the full reference would just contain enough information to help the reader identify the location of the postcard, e.g. gallery, private collection, plus other relevant identifying features, i.e. reference number or title. These would include the name of the artist or photographer, if known, and date, or estimated date, of first printing. Unless there is a specific title, you do not need to italicize or underline the general description of the item (see first example below).

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Table 10.R4ii Postcard with specific title

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R5 Sacred or classical texts

Sacred texts

These include the Bible, Talmud, Koran, Upanishads and major classical works, such as ancient Greek and Roman works. If you are simply quoting a verse or extract, you do not need to give full reference entries. Instead, you should include the detail in the text of your assignment, for example:

The film script at this point echoes the Bible: ‘And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth’ (Gen. 6:12).

However, if you were referring to a particular edition for a significant reason, it could be listed in full in the references, e.g.


Abbreviations

Abbreviations can be used in citations, e.g. Gen., for Genesis; Ezek., for Ezekiel. The online Journal of Biblical Studies has a useful website giving abbreviations for all biblical works likely to be cited (Search for ‘Journal of Biblical Studies – Abbreviations’).

Copies of New Testament Studies 34, 3 (1988): 476–79 and Journal of Biblical Literature 107, 3, can be consulted for abbreviations and the MLA Handbook also has a section (7.7) on abbreviations for literary and religious works.

Classical texts

Students studying the Classics are often given advice on referencing these texts by their tutors, but the format for citing sources in the text is normally, as follows:

- Name of author
- Title (italics or underlined)
- Details of book/poem
- Line number.

For example, Homer, Iliad 18.141–143.

If an author wrote only one work, e.g. Herodotus, you may omit the name of the work, i.e. Histories.

Page numbers should be from the translation or edition cited. However, citations to Plato and Plutarch should be included in the text using the Stephanus pagination, when possible. These works are divided into numbers, and each number will be divided into equal sections a, b, c, d and e. The numbers, however, must be used in conjunction with a title to make sense of them, e.g. Republic, 344a2.

The works of Aristotle are usually cited using the Bekker system of numbers. These numbers take the format of up to four digits, a letter for column ‘a’ or ‘b’, then the line number. These should be shown against the title of the particular work of Aristotle, e.g. Politics: 1252a1–4.
The full details of the book used should be included in the references, bibliography or ‘works cited’ section.

S Referencing electronic sources

Electronic sources are very important to students. The Internet is quick, accessible and easy to use, and, if the right keyword searches are made, it can produce useful evidence for assignments.

However, there are drawbacks to using electronic sources, particularly the Internet, and students often experience difficulty in citing and referencing them. The apparent absence of authorship detail, dates and page numbers on some websites, plus the length of URL addresses can cause problems. Citation of sources in the text of an assignment can also cause difficulty, with students often uncertain what to put.

Common mistakes

• You should not put a www address as a citation. You always put the name of an author, or the source organization, but never cite a URL address in the body of an assignment.
• You do not need a separate list of www sites in your ‘References’, ‘Works cited’ or ‘Bibliography’ sections. Internet sites are incorporated, along with other sources, into one list at the end of the assignment.
• Another common mistake is to simply paste in a URL address to a list of references, without any other supporting information, such as the title of item, the name of hosting organization and date the information was viewed.

Examples of a range of electronic sources will be presented later in this section. The examples are, of course, not exhaustive, but do offer examples of sources that students typically use in assignments. If you encounter sources not specifically illustrated in this book, the following ‘Basic principles’ and ‘What to include’ sections of this chapter should help you to work out how to reference them.

If you are using APA and MLA referencing styles, you can also consult the respective style guides produced by these organizations, as both include chapters on citing and referencing electronic sources. For Harvard and Numerical styles, the nearest thing to a benchmark guide to referencing electronic sources is the British Standard recommendations: BS ISO 690–2:1997, Information and documentation – bibliographic references – part 2: Electronic documents or parts thereof.

Basic principles of referencing electronic sources

There are four main principles or guidelines to referencing electronic sources.

First, and this is common for all types of referencing, the citation should link with the full reference. What appears in the citation will begin the full reference entry. So, in the case of an author–date in-text citation, the citation might be, as follows:
Second, tutors should be directed as closely as possible to the online information being cited and referenced. This usually means giving the complete URL addresses to take your tutors to the same screen you looked at, rather than leading them to just home or menu pages. However, if the URL is ridiculously long, for example, stretching over three or more lines, it would be better to give the homepage address and then give a series of keyword search words to take the reader to the relevant screen. If access to a particular online database is restricted or password protected, there is no point in supplying a URL address as others will not be able to access the site without a password. Web addresses are given only in references if the source is freely accessible to others. In the case of restricted access, you need to state the name and give details of the database publisher to enable others to gain access to it, if wanted.

Third, ensure you show website addresses that work! There is nothing more frustrating than to type out the URL address given, only to find the address given is incorrect. Make sure you have copied them or pasted them in correctly.

Fourth, because sites do disappear without warning, it is wise to print out copies of sources used for citation purposes to show a tutor, if required, and some tutors will insist you do this. These copies can be included in an appendix, or a note included in the assignment for the reader to the effect that they can be made available to the tutor, if required.

What to include

Generally, the following elements are listed in the order in which they appear in a full reference entry. However, there may be occasional exceptions to this rule because of particular referencing style guidelines, either because the nature of the source, or the context in which you want to use it in an assignment.

You can include:

- Main responsibility for message
- Title of work consulted
- Type of medium
- Publisher and place of publication
- Date of publication
- Online address or location within portable database
- Name of database, if applicable
- Other identifying features
- Date you looked at the information.
The order these elements will appear in will depend on the referencing style and type of source, but if you include all or most of this information you will not go far wrong.
Some hints

- Many Internet pages do not show an author’s name. If this appears to be the case, it might be possible to identify an author by looking at the header of the HTML encoded text. To do this, click on the ‘View’ option in your browser and then either ‘View Source’ or ‘Document Source’. If you cannot identify an author, cite the originator of the site/site name, or if this is not obvious, cite the title.

- If you find that, for some reason, an Internet URL address is not shown for the source concerned, you need then to give search terms to take others to the same source. The search terms can be entered after the URL address, and before the (Accessed–date) information.

- As mentioned earlier, you should cite the year the document was last updated. You can find this, if it exists, usually at the foot of the page.

Evaluating sites

As stated earlier, the Internet is a rich source of information for students. It is also, unfortunately, the unregulated host to sites that have been created by their authors as arenas for their ill-informed and biased opinions.

You should never let the ease of using the Internet replace using a library and using textbooks. Before an academic textbook reaches the library it has to go through a series of quality filters, including critical peer scrutiny, and may have to go through a number of amendments until the publishers are satisfied with it. Not so with the Internet. Anyone can send out into the wide blue yonder uncorrected and opinionated junk. However, the Internet can and does provide a useful starting point for ideas and the pursuit of ideas.

Reliable Internet sites can certainly be used and cited in assignments. But how can you evaluate them? Munger and Campbell (2002) and Rumsey (2004) suggest the following questions should be asked of sites to help evaluate their credibility:

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**Table 10.S0ii** An example of an Internet site, shown in the four main referencing styles

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Table 10.SOiii Evaluation questions

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Quoting from the Internet

Quoting an author directly should always be done for a particular purpose, for example, to convey a sense of the ‘voice’ of a particular author or organization.

Example of an extract from a student essay (following Harvard):

However, Howard Gardner regards the term ‘domain’ in a completely different way: ‘The domain in a society can be thought of as the kinds of roles listed in the Yellow Pages of a phone book – anything from Accounting to Zoology ’ (Gardner 2005).

The reference for this quotation, which was taken from the ‘Frequently asked questions’ (FAQ) section of the author’s website, would be referenced, as follows (example shown in the Harvard style):


Secondary sources on the Internet

You will also encounter many Internet sources that summarize or quote indirectly the words of others. You treat these Internet sources as secondary sources. For example, on the ‘Friends of the Earth’ (FOE) Internet site, FOE quote the Executive Director of
Corpwatch, Joshua Karliner, as saying that: ‘51 of the 100 world’s largest economies are corporations’.

If you were unable to locate the primary source (i.e. Joshua Karliner) to check the accuracy of this quotation, you could cite the Friends of the Earth site, although this would not be as desirable as checking out the primary source for yourself. The citation and reference, following Harvard, would be as follows:

Citation:  
(Friends of the Earth 2005, quoting Joseph Karliner); or (Joseph Karliner, as quoted by Friends of the Earth 2005)  
Reference (Harvard):  

Examples of online references follow.

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**Table 10.S1 Book online (complete book)**

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**S2 Part of the same book online**

Give details of the chapter name or number and the page numbers concerned, and paste in or copy out the URL address to take the reader to the first page of the source item.

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**S3 Online reference book/encyclopedia**

If an author or site compiler is named, start with this. If not, start with the title of the reference entry. Include any date recorded against the entry, title of entry, name of online reference work and other relevant identifying features. However, be cautious when using online reference sites. Check the credentials of the editor, compiler or writer, or try and ascertain what backing the site has from professional associations, universities and other reputable organizations. Ask your tutors if they have a view on the site. It is also a good idea to check the entry against other online and printed reference works to verify the level of consistency and agreement there is among them.

The first example that follows is taken from a free online source, so the URL address is given, while the second shows a restricted password-only subscription source. There is no point in citing the URL address for this, so you can just state the title of the item, name of the subscription or database source and the date the information was retrieved.

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**Table 10.S3i Publicly accessible site; author's name shown**

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S4 Academic journal article (originally printed, but found online)

An academic journal article has usually been subject to peer-review scrutiny. The majority of these articles retrieved from the Internet are likely to be reproduced unabridged from their original printed forms, so the journal details are referenced as if it was a printed source. You can then simply add ‘Electronic version’ or ‘Online’ to the reference; see fictitious example i that follows. However, if you have any reason to believe changes, amendments or commentaries have been made from the original print version, you should include the URL address and the date you accessed the information; see example ii that follows.

Table 10.S4i Original academic journal article

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Table 10.S4iii Academic journal article from a freely accessible online database

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Example iii, which follows, illustrates referencing in action for an academic journal accessed via a freely accessible online database. However, to avoid overlong references, you can include search terms to guide the reader to the source (MLA uses the term ‘path’ to signal search terms).
Example iv illustrates referencing a source from a restricted access database. As stated previously, there is no point in citing an electronic address if access is not freely available. This example shows a reference when a password protected database was used to gather and collate data on three separate companies. You need to give details of the publishers of the database to enable others to locate the sources.
As you can see from the last example, electronic references can be quite lengthy! But, it is important to provide full details of the source supplied to help the reader quickly find the exact source you looked at, so do not stint on necessary detail. However, as stated earlier, if the URL is excessively long, you can provide search terms to cut down on the length of the reference (see example S10).

### S6 Article in magazine

**Table 10.6 Article in a magazine (originally printed, but found online)**

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S8 Newspaper article

If the name of the journalist or writer is shown, start with this. If not, start with the name of the online newspaper site. Give the title and date of the item or article, and the URL address to take the reader to where the article can be found.

In example i, the first date shown in the MLA reference is when the article was originally published, and the second date, which immediately precedes the URL address, is when the student visited the source.

In example ii, for the MLA entry, the date of publication, and when the student visited the site, are the same.

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S9 Online reports or guidelines

You need to include the name(s) of the authors, and the full title, including any subtitles, in italics or underlined, plus the full URL address information (see example i). If no author is named, start with the name of the organization sponsoring the report or guidelines (see example ii).
S10 Online dissertation (extract from a university website)

If the work was available from a dissertation database (or commercial organization),
give details of the database after the title of thesis, and any relevant search path or file
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For referencing the full thesis, follow the format in the example above, but omit ‘Abstract’ and give chapter or section number or title and page numbers, if referring to a specific part of the thesis.

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S11 Conference paper or manuscript

Reference should include name of presenter, title of paper, status of paper (unpublished; working paper), name and place of conference, date delivered, URL details, date you accessed the site and any relevant page numbers.
If no author name is shown, start with the name of the publishing agency or organization. Include the year the data was originally published, title of the statistics, plus full URL address. It may also be necessary to state the country of origin, as the same name of the government agency may be used in different countries, e.g. the title ‘National Bureau of Statistics’ is used by more than one country.

In example i that follows, the source for just one set of UK statistics is shown.

**S12 Government or other statistics online**

However, referencing is not always this easy! Students often gather statistics relating to different topics from one major source, e.g. national offices or bureaus of statistics, but may then be unsure how to cite and reference the different parts of the site. In this situation, the important point and principle of referencing to remember is to make it
easy for your reader to locate the same source, which may mean you have to list the various URL addresses in your references.

However, if you are using Harvard, APA or MLA referencing styles your citations can separate out the relevant parts of a single source by the use of prefix letters.

For example, if you wanted to refer to three different parts of the National Bureau of Statistics (China):

a. Regulations on the Composition of Gross Wages
b. Regulations on the National Economic Census

Your citations in the text of your assignment (in the Harvard style) would be shown respectively as:

• (NBOS (China) 2006a)
• (NBOS (China) 2006b)
• (NBOS (China) 2006c).

Do not forget, you can use abbreviations in your citations, i.e. NBOS, as this can reduce your word count. However, in the full reference details you need to start with the abbreviation and then explain it to the reader (see examples that follow).

With the APA style, you would give the full title of the organization the first time it is mentioned in the assignment, but it can be abbreviated thereafter. The full reference entry would show the full title of the organization.

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S13 Public records online

Detail should include name of record or source, title of specific document or list, reference number, if applicable, locality information (if applicable) and other identifying features of source, plus name of any database or URL address, and the date the information was accessed or retrieved. If referring to a specific named person, start with this (see example iii).
Table 10.S13i Census records online

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Table 10.S13ii National archives online

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Table 10.S13iii Military record online

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S14 Emails

Significant email messages can be referenced, but be cautious. Wherever possible, you should obtain permission from the sender to use personal email correspondence and particularly if the correspondence will appear in the public domain. You should also save a copy of the correspondence to enable a tutor to read it.

If the message is included as a reference, do not give the email address of the sender, as this would be a breach of confidentiality and might lead to unwarranted correspondence being sent to the sender.

The following format is recommended:

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S15 Discussion lists

Although emails on discussion lists are entered by their senders into a limited public domain, you should, wherever possible, notify the contributors and preferably seek their permission to use their correspondence, particularly if you are hoping to publish your work.

Cite the author’s name, if known, or the author’s login name, nickname or nomenclature, followed by the subject of the discussion. Then state the name and address of the discussion list, or the protocol and address of the newsgroup. You should also include the date the message was posted and the date it was read by you.

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**S17 Text messages and faxes**

The transient nature of text messages (see example i) are a problem and, unless saved, the lack of a permanent record of the message makes it difficult to record them in the list of references, as the reader will not be able to look at the original source. One way around this situation would be for you to save the text, copy the message into print form and then ask a neutral and objective third party, preferably the tutor marking the assignment, to witness and confirm the accuracy of the copied or summarized message. The transcribed message could then be included as an appendix item and be fully referenced. The name of the sender should come first, description of medium, name of receiver and date received.

Faxess (see example ii) produce a paper record, which can be kept and included as an appendix item, if required.

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S18 Referencing podcasts/downloads

Archived sound broadcasts can be referenced, as these can be publicly accessed. Start with the name of the lead commentator or presenter (if shown). If this information is not shown, start with the name of sponsoring organization, e.g. BBC. Give details of date of original broadcast or production, title of work, online address and the date you downloaded the information. If there is a transcript, print this off to make available, if required by the tutor.

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S19 Visual material online (maps, photographs, drawings, three-dimensional art, etc.)

If an author/artist/photographer or other named originator is shown, start with this. If no author name is shown, start with the name of organization hosting or organizing the site. You should include the title of work, in italics or underlined, and state the medium, if not obvious, and enclose this description in squared brackets, e.g. [photograph]. You should also include other relevant source/publication/collection information, the URL, and the date you visited the site. British Standard examples show full names of originators for visual sources for Harvard and Numerical styles of referencing.

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Three-dimensional art work (e.g. sculpture)

If the URL is a very long and complicated one, you can use the home or search page address, but include a relevant search term or terms to guide others to the online source.

S20 Portable databases (DVD/CD-ROM)

Detail to include:

- Author/editor
- Year
- Title of work, in italics or underlined
- Title and type of database, e.g. DVD
• Volume, edition, and item number
• Other identifying features
• Place of publication and name of publisher
• Page numbers, if applicable.

If no author is shown, start with the title of item. However, you do not need to include the terms ‘Accessed’ or ‘Retrieved’, with the date, as you would with an online source. The main thing is to state the database to help others locate the source.

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For the Harvard and Numerical references, et al. could have been used, if preferred; e.g. MERRITT, F.S. et al.
Appendix 1

Answers to the quiz on understanding when to reference

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Appendix 2

Plagiarism quiz answers

The answer to all questions, apart from 6, 8 and 12 is ‘Yes’.

6 No
However, be cautious when doing this and always try to establish the name of the original author. If an author’s name is shown, this must be cited. If the idea is an original one (as opposed to ‘interesting’), it would be wise to reference the website if no author’s name is shown.

8 No
It is not plagiarism if you present a summary of what has happened in the past, providing you draw from a range of sources and there is no significant dispute between commentators on the events you describe. However, if you just use one source, or you quote directly, or paraphrase, from any particular source, the author(s) should be cited and referenced.

12 No
Plagiarism is to knowingly take and use another person’s work and claim it directly or indirectly as your own. This is an example of carelessness and you could be criticized for it, but it is not plagiarism. However, you should always check out ideas as thoroughly as you can before claiming any originality for them. You could, for example, discuss your ideas with your tutor, as the tutor is likely to know if others have published ideas similar or identical to your own.
Appendix 3
Exercise: Is it plagiarism?

Example 4.1
This is a clear example of worst-case plagiarism. The extract from the article has been copied directly into the essay without any attempt to acknowledge the source.

Example 4.2
This is plagiarism. Although the original authors are cited, the article has been copied, with only very minor changes, directly into the essay. Copying on this scale, even if the source is acknowledged, will be regarded by most UK universities as plagiarism.

Example 4.3
This is plagiarism. Although an attempt has been made to summarize in part the original article, the authors are not acknowledged. The extract contains important background information that cannot be regarded as ‘common knowledge’, particularly the last sentence, so the authors and original source should have been cited.

Example 4.4
This is plagiarism. Although the authors have been cited, and some of their words directly quoted, the student simply copies a large part of the original, and the implication is that the sections outside the quotations are the student’s own words – which they are not.
Example 4.5
This is not plagiarism. The original source is acknowledged and the student has made a reasonable effort to summarize the extract in his or her own words.

Example 4.6
This is not plagiarism. The original source is acknowledged and the student has made a very good effort to summarize the extract in his or her own words.

Example 4.7
This is plagiarism. Although this is a very good summary of the original extract, it is plagiarism, as the original authors are not cited. The original work containing the ideas of authors must be acknowledged. It is only if knowledge becomes publicly well known (or ‘common knowledge’) that summaries of generally undisputed facts can be presented without referencing the sources. Sentences two and three can be regarded as common knowledge, as the information in these could be derived from a general reference book. However, the following paraphrased sentences reflect the specialist work of the authors, who should have been cited at the end of this section:

Since 1979, China has loosened opened and stimulated its economy by foreign direct investment (FDI), international technology transfer (ITT), and from the influence of multinational enterprises (MNEs). However, these developments have also focused attention on the issue of intellectual property rights (IPR) and until recently in China there has been no effective system of intellectual property protection (IPP).

If in doubt, always cite the source.
Appendix 4

How can theories of managing change be applied in life planning? Give examples to illustrate your answer

‘Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better’ (Samuel Johnson). Johnson’s observation summarises a paradox that many people feel: the tension between remaining in a familiar state, or making a change; a change that is likely to cause some ‘inconvenience’, or more likely, uncertainty. Therein lies the paradox: it is tempting for many people to stay with a situation that has the comfort of familiarity, rather than risk moving into territory for them as yet uncharted. But this assumes a choice over the matter. People are often propelled unwillingly and unexpectedly into situations not of their choosing.

This essay will present and discuss some models for managing change and is aimed at people in three broad categories: first, those who exercise discretionary choice over a given life situation; second, those who are faced with choices they would prefer not to make, but nevertheless have ultimate control of the process; and third, those who have change thrust arbitrarily on them by fate in all its many forms. The examples given will be related to how practitioners charged with the responsibility of managing or supporting others facing change might support the ‘change-seekers’ or ‘change-victims’ concerned. In a business context these practitioners are likely to be members of a Human Resources team, but could also include external trainers, management or life planning consultants.
Change is not received or perceived in a homogeneous way. Gerard Egan, for example, draws a distinction between ‘discretionary and non-discretionary change’ (Egan 1994).* In the former, the individual has a choice about change to make and makes it willingly. The outcome may be ‘inconvenient’ or challenging, but the change, nevertheless, is desired and embraced. In the case of ‘non-discretionary change’, people are faced with situations that are deeply uncomfortable, but they stay in trouble because it is easier to do so than make the emotional effort to change. Egan traces the roots of inertia in emotional passivity, learned helplessness, disorganisation or ‘vicious circle’ self-defeating behaviour. The ‘non-discretionary’ nature of change is because non-change is likely to result in the person concerned becoming ill or making others suffer. The third form of change is by Harold Kushner in his book of the same name: ‘When Bad Things Happen to Good People’† (Kushner 1981). These ‘bad things’ manifest themselves in crisis, misfortunes or traumas in all their malignant shades. These things happen because they happen – but some models of change can at least help in the understanding of process, and support for, those involved.

For those actively wanting and seeking change, Maslow’s theory of Hierarchy of Needs (Maslow 1968)* offers an explanation as to why individuals seek transition and change in their lives. As basic and intermediate needs (food, shelter, affection) are met, aspirations rise, and people reach out to meet more intrinsic needs, for example, the chance to gain more status at work or opportunity to develop a new interest. In this situation, the ‘Managing Change Approach’† (Coleman 1991) offers a model for plotting the stages involved. Coleman envisages six steps, including the first trigger step of ‘transition’: a sense of wanting change and being able to identify and articulate the reasons and feelings for this. This is an important first step, as it allows the decision-maker a sense of control over the process and gain ‘ownership’ of the idea. The decision-maker proceeds then to steps two and three: information gathering, and considering the options available. This leads to a choice (step four), action (step five) and later a process of reassessment and evaluation (step six).
For this model to succeed there are, arguably, a number of assumptions to make about the discretionary decision-makers. Veronica McGivney suggests a number of favourable determinants in adult lives that can motivate them to return to formal learning (McGivney 1993), and these can be adapted to connect with the Coleman model. The first determinant of success for the Coleman model is that the person concerned has a belief that he or she could cope with the transition and final change desired. The second is that the person concerned knows, or can find out, where to seek the information necessary to make an informed decision. The third and fourth, crucially, are that the person concerned has enough optimism about the future to contemplate change – and feels that he or she has some control over their life. These latter points are critical pre-requisites for those plotting a life course through the Coleman model of managing change.

The Coleman model connects too, with one advanced in recent years by Bill Law: a ‘Career Learning Theory’, although Law has been at pains to point out that the theory is relevant to all life choices, not just vocationally biased ones (Law 1996). Law proposes a four stage model for managing change: sensing, sifting, focusing and understanding. The first three of these connect with Coleman’s middle and latter stages, although Law advances his third stage (focusing) by asserting that this is achieved by a decision maker engaging with three specific questions: is the choice idea salient; is it valued (in terms of acceptable to self and others); and is it credible (perceived as a sensible or wise decision by self or others)? Law’s fourth stage: ‘understanding’ is explained in terms of an individual’s ability to justify overall a particular course of action chosen. This connects with Coleman’s first stage, but Law pursues the issue further by arguing ‘understanding’ also relates to an ability to identify and explain the relationship of past events to future action, which forms the basis for sustainable action. The process of understanding is also about being able to anticipate or visualise the probabilities or consequences of actions.

Coleman’s model appears to assume, while Law’s is more explicit in this respect, that making choices involves a certain level of risk-taking. Law explicitly points out that action always entails risk, but that risk can be assessed so that probabilities are estimated:

Autonomous action must involve some such visualisation (whether rational or not) of . . . ‘this is what will probably happen if I do this . . .’ It requires the imagination of possible selves in possible futures (Law p.65).
Perhaps the Coleman and Law models are at their most salient in relation to confident, intelligent people who are faced with relatively straightforward economic-related decisions: career, work, accommodation, and money. But perhaps they are less applicable when considering change in the realms of human emotion? The role of practitioners however, in these discretionary choice situations can be one of ‘oiling the wheels’ of change for the decision-maker; these would include supplying information, listening, encouraging and generally offering support and guidance. The process of change is likely to happen without the practitioner’s support, but with it change can happen often faster and more effectively.

The student presents at this point a personal reflection on the topic. These reflective sections in an assignment can go unreferenced, providing no new evidence is presented.

However, a common scenario is one where a person is faced with stark choice, particularly of the emotionally charged variety; the choice is often change or suffer. At one level there is ‘choice’, but as Egan (1994) has argued it is of the ‘non-discretionary’ kind. Egan has noted that people in this situation can vacillate and remain static, rather than face change.

This emotional stasis has been related by some commentators (for example, Bandura 1991)* to both lack of confidence – that a particular choice path will lead to certain desirable outcomes, and pessimism about outcomes that might follow from the change. In this scenario, the ‘Stages of Change’ model proposed by Prochaska and DiClemente (1984)† offers a way of understanding the process of change – or a relapse back into the ‘old habits’. Prochaska and DiClemente related their model specifically to smoking, but it can be equally applicable to any pattern of behaviour rooted in addiction, habit or compulsion. In this model, the process of change begins with ‘contemplation’, and the notion that change is for the better. However, there can be an inner voice that warns: change is ‘risky’, so ‘why change?’ This can produce oscillation between wanting and not wanting change.
However, whatever the accelerant might prove to be, the person concerned can ‘commit’ and be ready for change, which propels them forward, and leads to the ‘maintenance’ stage of maintaining change. The new situation in time becomes the norm, but there is the possibility of relapse, and going back to the starting point of the circle.

The practitioner has a particularly key role to play in helping in the process of reflection at these different stages in the decision-maker’s life. Egan suggests six ways of helping people in this situation strengthen self-efficacy to stay on track with a chosen decision. The first is to help people develop any necessary skills to succeed in the belief that self-efficacy is based on ability. The second is to offer feedback on any deficiencies in performance. This helps decision-makers avoid situations of self-delusion, where they rationalise any lapse or diversion from their original goals. The third is to help the decision-maker see how a change of behaviour or direction produces results, which connects with the fourth: about promoting others as role models of success. Steps five and six are related to reducing the anxiety faced by people overly fearful of failure: by encouragement and being generally supportive, and reminding the decision-maker of their original motivations (Egan 1994).

The third group (the change victims) requires of practitioners the greatest level of understanding about the anguish of change that people can experience. People are often unwilling victims of change, including redundancy, sudden bereavement, financial disaster.

Many of the models of change that are applicable to this situation are similar in tracing a pattern of shock, guilt, bewilderment (or anger), a search for meaning, then gradual acceptance of the change (see Sinfield 1985; also Coleman and Chiva 1991, in relation to redundancy; and Kubler-Ross, 1970, in relation to death and dying).

Some of the earliest studies that noted this pattern date back to the 1930s with studies of unemployment, particularly the experience of older workers (Eisenberg and
Lazarsfield 1938, as cited in Sinfield 1985, p.191). These noted then the impact of shock on the newly unemployed, followed by an active hunt for work, during which the individual is still optimistic. But when all job-seeking efforts fail, the person becomes anxious and suffers depression, which can lead to fatalism and adaptation to a narrower state.

More recent studies have confirmed this pattern still applies today, particularly for the older worker (see Harrison 1976, for example). Two commentators, Kubler-Ross (1970) and Coleman and Chiva (1991), both note that anger is often a feature of the response to sudden changes, as well as guilt, self-doubt and depression. The anger is of the 'why me' variety, and when there is often no rational answer to this question depression can follow, arising from a realisation of the powerlessness of individuals in the path of unstoppable forces.

There is however, a gradual acceptance of and adaptation to the situation. Alvin Toffler suggests too, that an ability to cope (and recover) from traumatic change depends on the relative security of other aspects of our lives. He argues that we can cope with enormous amounts of change, pressure, complexity and confusion, provided at least one area of our life remains relatively stable (Toffler 1970). He suggests that there are five main ‘Stability Zones’:

1. **Ideas**: for example, deeply felt religious beliefs, or strong commitment to a philosophy, political ideology or cause;
2. **Places**: places that individuals can relate to, on either a large scale (a country) or smaller scale, such as home, street or even office;
3. **Things**: favourite, familiar, comforting possessions, and especially things related to childhood or emotional events;
4. **People**: particularly valued and enduring relationships with others, especially friends;
5. **Organization**: institutes, clubs or societies offering an important source of stability and focus for self-identity.

The role of the practitioner with responsibility for managing or supporting change in all three situations outlined is to firstly ascertain whether the person concerned is a
discretionary or non-discretionary change seeker, or thirdly a change-victim, as each require different types of help or support, in ways outlined earlier. The practitioner’s support for the change-victim can be particularly valuable. This support can take the form of encouraging the individual to talk through the change experiences and to release feelings of anger. An understanding of these stages can help the practitioner locate a stage the change-victim appears to be in and assist that person to begin to explore relevant new life options and possibilities.

The conclusion pulls ideas together. As these ideas were referenced earlier in the assignment, there is no need to reference them again in the conclusion.

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