GUIDELINES FOR REFERENCING

Why use referencing?

Referencing is used to acknowledge other people’s work used to create your own work. This can include such things as: an idea, exact words, art work, a diagram, an image or a table that is used in a piece of writing or non-written text. Referencing shows respect for other people’s intellectual rights and avoids plagiarism. It also enables the reader to follow up the work of other authors and creators referred to in the piece of work.

What system of referencing should be used?

There are a number of referencing styles available for use. Different institutions/publishers use their own style and/or variation of a referencing system, so slight differences may be observed. Detailed descriptions of these systems are generally made available via the institution/publisher’s website. Some examples of these sites are listed at the end of this document.

The purpose of all referencing systems is to acknowledge the work of others and to enable readers/viewers to find the referenced material. Referencing of new source types, such as emerging technologies, use the same basic principles and are consistent with the referencing style being used.

It is easier for students and teachers if a school adopts and teaches a consistent referencing system. The examples of referencing used in this guide are based on the Harvard referencing system, also known as the Author–Date system.

What if students already use a different system of referencing?

Examples included here are intended as a guide only. Other approaches to referencing might already be in place in some schools. They are also appropriate to use.

The main advice is that the style should remain consistent throughout a piece of work.

Referencing style

Referencing style can require three types of acknowledgment:

1) In-text acknowledgement (see Part A below)

   a) When quoting another’s words, indentation of text (for sentences, see Part A, 1) or use of quotation marks (for a phrase, line or two, see Part A, 2) as well as brief reference

   b) To identify another’s ideas, words, art work, diagrams, images or tables, brief reference (author, date, page number/s) immediately following the text (see Part A, 3)

2) Footnotes and endnotes (see Part B below)

   Footnotes and endnotes are easy to use and do not break the flow of text. They are used in literature, history and the arts where source materials may have lengthy reference information. Generally, footnotes are used for a small number of citations and endnotes for large numbers or lengthy endnotes. Consecutive superscript numbers are placed in the text and corresponding footnotes are located at the bottom of the same page as the text to which they refer. End notes are placed at the end of a chapter or the end of the complete piece of work.
3) Reference list and/or bibliography (see Part C below)

Place at the end of your work. It should contain full source details. Use the detailed
guidelines in Part D to assist in creating the list.

Referencing and word count

Refer to the SACE Word-count Policy.

The word-count includes headings, direct quotations, and footnotes that are used as
explanatory notes. The word-count does not include the title/question page, the contents
page, the reference list or bibliography (including footnotes or in-text references that are
used to list author, date, and page numbers), and appendices. A reference list or
bibliography that is required for an assessment task is not included in the word-count, but will
be assessed for accuracy and consistency.

How to reference new types of sources

Reference new source types (e.g. web references, blogs, twitter) using the same principles
you would use to reference the more traditional materials.

This guide sets out the basic principles of referencing and gives a variety of examples.
However, if your particular reference still doesn’t match any of the examples given here,
follow the basic principles and format as for more traditional types using this guide.

Sections following in these guidelines

Part A – In-text acknowledgement
Part B – Footnotes and endnotes
Part C – Reference List and/or Bibliography
Part D – Examples of citing various types of sources
Part A  In-text acknowledgement

When quoting in running text, always include:

- author
- date
- page number or location reference where specific text is referred to.

1. How to quote sentences from another author

Note: You must keep this to a minimum to ensure that what you submit for assessment is your own work. This is used in cases of 30 words or more.

Set out the quotation in a separate block of text, by:

- indenting from the margin
- using a smaller font size or italicising the text.

**Example**

At the time of the European colonisation the Australian landscape was portrayed as untouched wilderness. In fact, Indigenous Australians were using various techniques, particularly fire, to manage the land:

… the explorers were not pushing out into wilderness, they were trekking through country that had been in human occupation for hundreds of generations. It was land that had been skilfully managed and shaped by continuous and creative use of fire. (Reynolds 2000, p.20)

2. How to quote a few words from an author

Include the words in the normal setting of the sentence. This is used in cases of less than 30 words.

**Example**

Reynolds (2000) argues that the Australian landscape was ‘skilfully managed and shaped’ (p. 20) by Aboriginal people through the use of fire.
3. How to acknowledge another author’s ideas without quoting their exact words

When paraphrasing another person’s words — putting them into your own words — you must still acknowledge your source because you are referring to someone else’s ideas or claims.

When referring to an idea or works that are not your own, you must back up your claim with documentary evidence.

**Example**

Refer to the author in your sentence. Follow with year of publication and page number in brackets.

More recent studies, including those by Ward and Foot (1999, p.6), note increasing dissatisfaction with how the taxation system handles superannuation.

**PART B Footnotes and endnotes**

**Example**

In text

The information that Columbus wanted most was: Where is the gold? ¹

Corresponding footnote at the bottom of the page or endnote


When referencing a source for the first time the footnote or endnote should be a full citation, including:

- Author’s first name, then surname, title of article, book etc.(in italics), editors where applicable, publisher name and location, and year published
- exact page numbers should be given if the reference is a direct quotation, a paraphrase, an idea, an image, chart, graphic or visual support direct from the source

For subsequent references, include:

- author’s surname
- exact page numbers
Latin abbreviations can be used to simplify subsequent references

- op.cit., meaning 'in the work cited' can be used with the author’s name and page number where a full citation has already been given.
- Ibid., meaning 'in the same place' can be used when the citation is the same as the previous one, with page numbers included if these are different.

3. Zinn, op.cit., 14

2. Ibid., 16
3. Ibid., 24
Part C  Reference List and/or Bibliography

A reference list is a full list of all publications referred to in the work. It is placed at the end. A bibliography differs in that it also includes publications that are not specifically referred to in the work. It is also placed at the end.

Order of elements of a citation (i.e. a reference to a source)

1. Author and Date (The Harvard or Author-Date style of referencing).
2. The details of the citation should be organised in the order shown in the table below. Include only what is appropriate for your source type.
3. The basic elements to use are shown in bold in the table below. When organising your citation look for the basic elements first and then use them in the order shown in the table.
4. Finally clarify your citation with the other elements if they apply to your source.

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Punctuation

Referencing guides often use slightly different punctuation. You should use the same punctuation style consistently throughout your work.

A style that is simple to follow and widely used in Australia is that described in the Style manual for authors, editors and printers (2002), in which the elements are divided by a comma and finished with a full stop.

Order of citations

Order the list alphabetically by the first word or words of the entry, ignoring definite and indefinite articles (a, an, the).
## Part D  Examples of citing various types of sources

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<td>South Australia. Department of Environment and Natural Resources 1995, <em>South Australia: Our water our future</em>, DENR, [Adelaide].</td>
<td>Date of publication [or most likely date in square brackets, if none given]</td>
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Guidelines for Referencing (Ref: A369073) updated June 2015
- cite the first name only in the text, followed by 'et al.' (et alia – and others)  
- list all authors in the reference list. |
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- article title in single quotation marks  
- newspaper title in italics  
- date and month of article page number |
| AUDIO-VISUAL SOURCES | --- | --- | --- |
| Television program, broadcast | A Lateline episode (ABC 2012) reports how the homeland of residents of very low lying mud islands is in trouble. | ABC 2012, Lateline, television program, ABC, 7 December. | Include title of program, date watched/listened and, if available:  
- 'episode title' (in single quotes) and number  
- names of key performers, if relevant  
- broadcast venue  
- date of original broadcast. |
| Film / DVD | In the film Escape to Grizzly Mountain (Dalesandro 1999) … | Dalesandro, A (dir) 1999, Escape to Grizzly Mountain, motion picture, 20th Century Fox | Include:  
- format  
- special credit to director at the end of the citation. |
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• date: last update, copyright date, or n.d. if no date is available  
• URL. |
• format  
• URL  
• access date  
• enough information that, if the URL changes, the reader can still search for it. |
| Website: Television Program | … (Four Corners 2004)… | Four Corners 2004, *City limits: Australia’s urban water crisis*, 18 October, extended broadband version, ABC Television, accessed 11 January 2010, &lt;http://www.abc.net.au/4corners/specialeds/20050209, 10&gt.; | Include enough information to be able to find the source again if the URL changes. |
| **YouTube video** | Rider’s *Urban Sprawl* YouTube video shows how …  
- author / producer (if identifiable)  
- year  
- title  
- format  
The person who posted the video is not necessarily the author or producer. |
| **Podcast** | Include information in parentheses:  
… (Bun 2008)  
Or work it into the text:  
- Set out as for journal article or chapter in a book.  
The word ‘website’ is not included because the publisher’s name is repeated in acronym in the URL. |
| **Email** | In an email letter to the writer 6 May 2007, the Mayor of the City of XXX said …  
or  
The Mayor of the City of XXX (email message to writer, 15 April, 2007) promised that … | Climp.F *Researching Sport*, personal communication, 15 April, 2007. | Include:  
- author  
- name of the list  
- date of the posting  
If archived, include the URL and access date. |
- author of entry  
- title of article  
- title of weblog  
- type of website, i.e. blog  
- URL  
- access date  
If paraphrasing or direct quotation use as for other source types. |
| **Social Networking Sites** | In-text  
In a Twitter post on January 12, 2013, James Legg (@JLegg) wrote, ‘Present government has no idea. Need to listen to people’. | James Legg January 12, 2013, 12.16 p.m., Twitter post, <http://twitter.com/Jleg>. | Include:  
- name of poster  
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| **Interviews (unpublished)** | Weave information into the text, e.g.  
I interviewed Jay Smith in March this year, and asked him what advice he has to give young tennis players …  
In an interview conducted on 3 March 2008, Mr J. Smith stated that …  
I’ll call him David. That’s not his real name, but he sleeps in the parklands and agreed to talk to me about how he copes. | Smith, J 2008, Interview by [your name], Adelaide, 3 March.  
Interview with a homeless person, 2008, by [your name], 6 June. | If listing in references:  
• treat interviewed person as author  
• make the context clear  
• obtain interviewee’s permission to use the interview in your work. |

|  | In a survey communicated by email on 10 July 2011, the Manager of Café Three at Salisbury, Mr Peter Jones, indicated that …  
or  
In a telephone conversation on 10 July 2011, Mr Peter Jones, the Manager of Café Three at Salisbury, highlighted the … | Jones, P 2011, surveyed by [your name], Adelaide, 10 July. | If listing in references:  
• treat person who completed the survey as author  
• make the context clear  
• obtain permission from the person completing the survey to use their responses in your work. |

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| **See Interviews (unpublished)** | Include information in parentheses:  
… (Pollock Blue poles, 1952, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra) …  
Or work it into the text:  
Controversial at the time it was purchased, Pollock’s 1952 painting Blue poles, hanging in the National Gallery of Australia, illustrates … | Artworks and Live performances that cannot be easily recovered should be referred to in detail in-text.  
Images of recoverable artworks should reference where it is located using standard formatting.  
• name of artist  
• title (italics for paintings and sculptures, quotation marks for photographs)  
• name of gallery location. |
| Poetry (classic) | Poetry lines: [author first name / lastname] *[Poem title]*, verse [x], lines [x-xx] Or work it into the text: Tennyson’s hero is unlike Homer’s; he has no definite end in view (lines 57-64) | James, K 1997, ‘Broken tears’, *Pictures from Mars*, ed. C. Greene, Poetry Press, Edithburgh, SA, pp. 28-29. If you quote from the introduction or notes, you should list the edition in the reference list. |
| Maps | (Mason 1832) | Mason, J 1832, *Map of the countries lying between Spain and India*, 1:8,000,000, Ordnance Survey, London If the cartographer is unknown: • Title of map • Year • Scale of map • Publisher • Place of publication |
References on which this advice is based


For more information

Most universities and libraries offer information on Harvard Referencing on their websites. These are updated from time to time. The websites listed below offer useful guides.

When accessing these guides, remember that individual institutions adopt slight variations in their own 'house style', and one might be slightly different to the next, particularly in punctuation. It is more important to use one style consistently in your document, following the principles outlined in this guide (which appear in all guides), than slavishly trying to follow the details of different style guides.


Further advice on footnotes and endnotes is given in various places on the internet, including:


- New South Wales Board of Studies ‘All My Own Work’ program http://amow.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

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