APA Referencing (7th ed.): A brief guide

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Referencing is acknowledging the source/s of the information, ideas, words, and images you have used in your assignment. You use referencing to distinguish between your ideas and words and those that belong to other people; to support what you are writing by referring to evidence; to enable readers to investigate ideas they find interesting/useful; to show your tutor exactly which sources you have read; and to avoid plagiarism.

There are different styles of referencing. EIT uses the American Psychological Association (APA) referencing style.

Referencing has two parts, in-text citations and a reference list at the end of your assignment.

In-text citations

An in-text citation is in the body of your assignment and can be either a paraphrase or quotation.

Paraphrasing is putting in your own words what the author has written. When paraphrasing, there are two ways you can reference: the author's name can be incorporated in your text or included in brackets with the year of publication.

In-text citation paraphrasing examples

In her book, van der Ham (2016) stresses the fundamental importance of education to society.

OR

Central to modern society is a belief in the importance of education (van der Ham, 2016).

Quoting is copying the author's exact words. When quoting, there are two ways you can reference: the author's name can be incorporated in your text, or can be included in brackets with the year of publication and the page number.

In-text citation quoting examples

"We all know that educational activity is central to society" (van der Ham, 2016, p. 1).

OR

Van der Ham (2016) claims that "We all know that educational activity is central to society" (p. 1).

The reference list

- The reference list should be on a separate page at the end of your assignment with the title "References" centered at the top, and in bold.
- All authors' names begin with the surname(s), followed by their initials. If there is no author, place the title in the author position.
- The list is to be in alphabetical order.
- Use hanging indents to format your references.

Example of a reference list

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