Citing Sources in the Text of an Assignment

How do I cite a source written by **two or three authors**?

**For two authors:** list both authors’ surnames, the year of publication and the page number.

**For three authors:** list all authors surnames separated by commas and the “&” sign, the year of publication and the page number. For example:

‘There are two sets of eye muscles: the extrinsic eye muscles and the intrinsic eye muscles’ (Herlihy & Maebius 2003, p. 229).

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How do I cite a source written by **four or more authors**?

List the first named author’s surname, followed by the words *et al.*, the year of publication, and page number. (*et al* means *and others.*) For example:

‘The concept of caring is intertwined with nursing – some literature even states that caring and nursing are synonymous’ (Daly et al. 2006, p. 74).

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How do I cite the work of an author found in a source by a different author?

This is called secondary referencing. While it’s preferable to read the original source this is not always possible. For example:


In this case you would only include the source you have read in the reference list. In this example, you would only need to include the Peterson reference.

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How should I cite works by the same author, published in the same year?

Place a letter after the publication year in the citation. For example:

Smith (2014a) reports that…

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According to Smith (2014b)…

Also include the same letters after the year in the Reference List.

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How should I cite works when **no author’s name** is given?

Include the title in place of the author’s surname. For example:

‘Year to year volatility in income is a feature of Australian farming’ (Australian agriculture and food sector future directions 2006, p. 6).
Entering Sources in a Reference List

How should I reference information sources found on the Internet?
The details required are: author’s name, year, title, organization responsible for site, date viewed, and web address. For example:


How should I reference a journal article found online via a database such as EBSCO?
The details required are the same as for an article found in a printed journal (hard-copy): author’s name, year of publication, article title, journal name, volume and issue number, date, page numbers. In addition, indicate the database in which it was found. For example:


How should I reference a chapter in an edited book?
You need to include details on both the chapter and the book itself. For example:


How should I reference a film, video or DVD?
Treat it as a work without an author, by starting with the title, then the year, medium (DVD, film, streaming video, etc.), publisher and place of publication. For example:

*Fractured country: an unconventional invasion* 2013, DVD, Madman, Melbourne, VIC.

For an online streaming video also include the date retrieved and the URL or database name: