



Guide to Referencing

What are the steps involved in referencing?

- Note the full bibliographic details of your source
- Insert the reference appropriately into the body of your work
- Create a bibliography at the end of your work

When thinking about referencing it is useful to think of a book reference as a basic model that can be adapted to fit other sources. What then are the minimum bibliographic details required to reference a book?

- Title
- Author(s) or editor(s)
- Publisher
- Date and place of publication
- Edition number if relevant

Textbook of pain	Change Catalog Display
Wall, Patrick D. (Patrick David), 1925-	
ISBN:	0443062528
Title:	Textbook of pain / edited by Patrick D. Wall, Ronald Melzack.
Edition:	4th ed.
Publication info:	Edinburgh : Churchill Livingstone, 1999.
Physical descrip:	xii,1588 p. : ill.
General Note:	Previous ed.: 1994.
General Note:	1st published 1984.
NLM subject term:	Pain
Added author:	Wall, Patrick D. (Patrick David), 1925-
Added author:	Melzack, Ronald, 1929-

What do references look like?
(Shown in the Harvard style)

- **A Book reference**
Melzack, R. and Wall, P.D. (eds) (1999). *Textbook of pain*. 4th ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone.
- **A Book Chapter**
Fitzgerald, M. (1999). Developmental neurobiology of pain. In: Melzack, R. and Wall, P.D. (eds). *Textbook of pain*. 4th ed. Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, pp. 235-251.

Journal article

Goss, C.H., Rubenfeld, G.D., Ramsey, B.W. *et al* (2006). Clinical trial participants compared with non-participants in cystic fibrosis. *American journal of respiratory and critical care medicine*, 173 (1): 98-104.

E-journal article

Goss, C.H., Rubenfeld, G.D., Ramsey, B.W. *et al* (2006). Clinical trial participants compared with non-participants in cystic fibrosis. *American journal of respiratory and critical care medicine* [online], 173 (1): 98-104. Available: URL <http://ajrccm.atsjournals.org/cgi/reprint/173/1/98> [Accessed 13/10/09].

Web page

El-Baba, M.F., Bassali, R.W., Benjamin, J. *et al* (2009). Failure to Thrive. *emedicine*. Available: URL <http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/985007-overview> [Accessed 13/10/09].

➔ For electronic resources always remember to include the **URL** and the **date accessed**. If you cannot find a named author you should enter an **institutional author** instead.

Referencing Styles

These are used to ensure consistency when inserting a citation within your work and when creating a bibliography at the end of your work. The two most common referencing styles used in scientific work are the **Harvard** system or the **Vancouver** system. The main features of these are:

	Harvard	Vancouver
Main features	Author and date in brackets within the body of the text. Alphabetical bibliography at the end of the text.	Number inserted in the body of the text. (Using brackets or superscript) Bibliography in Numerical order at the end of the text.
Appearance of citation in text	The metabolism of thermophilic bacteria has been reviewed by Ljungdahl (1979). OR The metabolism of thermophilic bacteria has been reviewed (Ljungdahl, 1979). If citing a specific page: (Ljungdahl, 1979, p.62).	The metabolism of thermophilic bacteria has been reviewed by Ljungdahl (1). OR The metabolism of thermophilic bacteria has already been reviewed. ¹ If citing a specific page (1, p.62) OR ¹ (p.62)

Bibliographies constructed using these styles have distinct appearances:

	Bibliography
Harvard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gould, G.W., & Corry, J.C.L. (1980). <i>Microbial Growth and Survival in Extremes of Environment</i>. London: Academic Press. • Herbert, R.A., & Codd, G.A. (1986). <i>Microbes in Extreme Environments</i>. London: Academic Press. • Ljungdahl, L.G. (1979). Physiology of thermophilic bacteria. <i>Adv Microb Physiol</i>, 19 (2), 149-243.
Vancouver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ljungdahl LG. Physiology of thermophilic bacteria. <i>Adv Microb Physiol</i>, 1979;19(2):149-243. 2. Gould GW. & Corry JCL. <i>Microbial Growth and Survival in Extremes of Environment</i>. London: Academic Press; 1980. 3. Herbert RA. & Codd GA. <i>Microbes in Extreme Environments</i>. London: Academic Press; 1986.

Further assistance

If you'd like more help with referencing library staff will be happy to help or you could attend one of our drop-in sessions - Wednesdays 2 pm to 4 pm (Whitechapel Library) and monthly Thursdays (West Smithfield). See also <http://www.library.qmul.ac.uk/referencing>