

## Referencing

Hello, and welcome to this podcast on referencing your sources for your first assignment or essay.

Referencing helps to show how your ideas are developed and acknowledges the research sources of your inspiration. Referencing shows that you're linking to what other writers and thinkers have said or written. Referencing also helps you to understand the value of the sources that you're using, and that they should be acknowledged.

Guidance on the basic principles of referencing and academic writing can be found in the Study Hub in the referencing section. Examples of different types of references such as book, journal or website and referencing styles, such as Harvard and MHRA can be found in Harvard for Falmouth and other referencing styles as part of the referencing section on the Study Hub. If you need help with referencing, please contact the ASK team, or visit the Info-Perch in the libraries at Penryn and Falmouth.

**Now, I'm going to talk to Chloe from the ASK team about her top tips for surviving referencing.**

Well, I would probably say that it's a good idea to do it as you go, rather than leaving it until the last minute or leaving it till the end. I do sometimes talk to students who leave it until the end, and that's when stress starts to kick in. And you're then left having to search around, scrabble around searching for sources and page numbers and things like that.

So my top tip would be to make sure you're familiar with your style guide, whether it's Harvard referencing or MHRA, whichever style your department has adopted, make sure you've got a copy of that guide to hand.

I would probably say it's a good idea for the first few assignments to do the referencing manual yourself, rather than using an app or an online tool. Because you learn the formats and you learn the order of information. So it's good practice to do it as you go. Every time you sit and do a bit of reading, start to take notes, make a note of all the bibliographic detail. Note that down. You can use Word to help you format that as well refer to the style guide and just do it as you go. So I guess that's probably my top tip. Thank you very much.