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How to Write the List of Reference?

Citing an author by mentioning his/her name and year of publication of the book/article is not enough. Other details such as the title of the book/article, title of the journal, volume, and place and house of publication must also be highlighted in another part of the extended essay, usually at the end, called the list of reference (Bailey, 2011). By mentioning your citation in the list of reference, you will allow the reader to find easily the source in case s/he wants to know more about it (Jesson et al., 2006; Bak, 2003).

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=>De Vaus, D. (2001). Research Design in Social Research. London: Sage Publications

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=>Brown, G., Bull, J., & Pendlebury, M. (1997). Assessing student learning in higher education. London: Routledge

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=>Hsu, T. C. (2005). Research methods and data analysis procedures used by educational researchers. International Journal of Research & Method in Education, 28(2), 109-133. doi: 10.1080/01406720500256194

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Author's family name, initial(s). (Publication date). Title of the page/article. Retrieved from (The link of the web page) on (you mention the date you accessed it)

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- Whoever you cite in your essay, remember to mention the source in your draft so that you do not forget or lose it.
- > You cannot cite an author without mentioning him/her in the reference list and vice versa.
- The second line of the reference must be indented using what is called a hanging indent. You simply have to leave some space on the left side.