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Printed Sources

How do I reference a book?

Books with one author

Example of citation within the text - Paraphrasing
According to Tassoni (2012), children tend to learn by observing what other people do rather than being taught or shown. This is called observational learning and it occurs without premeditation.

Example of citation within the text - Direct quote
Tassoni (2012) states that “One of the features of observational learning is that it is spontaneous- children will learn through watching others rather than being shown or taught to do something” (p.26)

Example of how the reference for this source should appear:

Books with one author - points to note
The following format should be used when referencing books:
Surname, Initials. (Year) Title of book. Place of publication: Publisher.

- Within the reference, the book title should be italicised
- Place of publication is always the city/town not the country i.e. London, not UK
- The year is the date of publication, not a reprint date. Look out for these on the verso (back of the title page), they have no bearing on edition dates
- Anything other than a 1st edition e.g. 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc., needs to be included within the reference, and goes immediately after the title
- When quoting directly, “quotation marks” are used to distinguish a short quotation, usually no more than 2 lines in length
- Longer quotations should be indented and placed in a separate paragraph, you do not need quotation marks as well