

# PMCb1002 - Academic Writing

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References, Zotero, plagiarism, ChatGPT

# ChatGPT

- Have you used ChatGPT?
- Please do not use it to write your text for you – it's just predictive text and will not make sense

# Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is the unacknowledged use of someone's work
- Using the words and ideas of others without referencing your sources would be construed as plagiarism
- Plagiarism is highly punishable by all institutions, including Masaryk University
  - To avoid plagiarism, it is important to use references

# Referencing

- Referencing signals that sources have played a role in your research & giving credit
  - Necessary to avoid plagiarism
- Helps your readers find the sources you've used & helps them evaluate your interpretation

# Referencing

- Shows that you have read around the subject
- Strengthens arguments by providing supporting evidence
- Common knowledge doesn't need to be referenced:
  - Facts, dates, events, information that is expected to be known by your field
    - Facts, information available in numerous places
      - Example: London is England's capital

# How to reference

- Different ways to go about it, example:
  - Harrison (2020, p.20) states that...
  - In a recent study (Harrison, 2020),
- Harrison (2020) has shown that British children who spent time in the care of the state have a lower life expectancy than the general population (p. 20)
- A study has shown that British children who spent time in the care of the state have a lower life expectancy than the general population (Harrison, 2020, p. 20)

# How to reference

- Direct quotes need quotation marks. In English, we use “these.”
  - The punctuation goes inside the quotation marks
    - But if it is a quote:
- Robinson et al. claim “dogs are more popular than cats in North America” (2020, p. 13).

# Paraphrasing

- Paraphrasing is expressing the meaning of someone else's work using different words
- It is your own explanation and interpretation of someone's ideas
- These ideas still need to be accredited so citing it still necessary



# Citation Styles

- Unique styles that require different formatting and information in both the in-text citations and the bibliography
- Word capitalization, name of bibliography, author names in bibliography, page numbers in in-text citations, etc
- Always: mandatory bibliography at the end of your work
- Everything cited in-text must be in bibliography and vice-versa

# Citation Styles

- APA, or American Psychological Association, used in psychology, anthropology, sociology  
(author, year, p. page)
- MLA, or Modern Language Association, used in Literature, Cultural Studies, English Studies
  - (author page)
- Chicago, used for business, history, and fine arts
  - footnotes or in-text citations

# How to use Zotero

- Helps you collect, organize, cite, and share your research sources
  - Must download browser extension to save papers, articles, books, from online
  - Create an account not to lose your work!
- Creates your in-text citations and bibliographies for you
  - You can change citation styles at any time

# Overview – academic paper structure

- Title page
- Abstract and keywords
- Introduction
- Literature review/theoretical background
  - Conceptual background
  - Methods/research design
    - Analysis
    - Findings\*
    - Discussion\*
    - Conclusion