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Compiling a bibliography

Briefing sheet

In this activity you will learn how to compile a bibliography. There are international conventions for compiling bibliographies. The details can vary, but examples of standard formats are given below.

Note: you must follow the conventions for punctuation and text formatting (italicised or not, etc).

For a book:

Surname of author, first name or initial. (year of publication). *Title of book*.
City, country of publication: Publisher.

For example:

Clugston, M. and Fleming, R. (2000). *Advanced Chemistry*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

For a chapter of an edited book:

Surname of author, first name or initial. (year of publication). 'Title of article'.
In: name of editor, initial of editor. (Ed.), *Title of book*, page numbers. City,
country of publication: Publisher.

For example:

Daniel, J. C. Jr and Chilton, B. S. (1978). 'Virus-like particles in embryos and the female reproductive tract.' In: Johnson, H. (Ed.), *Development of Mammals*, pp 131-187. Amsterdam: North Holland/Elsevier.

An article from a journal:

Surname of author, first name or initial. (year of publication). 'Title of article'.
Name of journal, volume, page numbers.

For example:

Alder, R. W., Butts, C. P., Orpen A. G., Read, D. and Oliva J. M. (2001). 'The chemistry of bicyclic diphosphines', *J. Chem. Soc.-Perkin Trans.*, 2, 282-287.

Information from the Internet:

Surname of author, first name or initial. (year of publication). 'Title of article.'
Name of journal or other source as appropriate, volume (issue), page numbers.
The full URL of the site, including the precise 'page' from which the information was taken. Last accessed <give date>.

For example:

Marcondes C. H. (2005). 'From Scientific Communication To Public Knowledge: The Scientific Article Web Published As A Knowledge Base.' *From the proceedings of the ELPUB2005 Conference on Electronic Publishing 2005*, page 3. available at: <http://elpub.scix.net/data/works/att/158elpub2005.content.pdf>. Last accessed 01/12/08.



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For a simple webpage, use this format:

World Atlas: Maps and Geography of the World: <http://geography.miningco.com/education/geography!library/rnaps/blindex.htm>. Last accessed <give date>.

Using a numbered in-text citation system

It is common for articles to use an in-text note citation system. This uses a numbering system to identify which sources are being cited at each point in the text.

Literature cited: (This list goes at the end of the article)

1 Alder, R. W., Butts C. P., Orpen A. G., Read, D. and Oliva J. M. (2001) The chemistry of bicyclic diphosphines., J. Chem. Soc.-Perkin Trans. 2, 282-287.

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Using in-text references

Other articles use in-text referencing, where the author's surname and the date of the publication being cited are referred to directly in the text. As with the numbered system, the complete publication list goes at the end of the article.

e.g. "It was reported that bicyclic diphosphines are the strongest trialkylphosphine bases that have been synthesised (Alder et al., 2001)."