



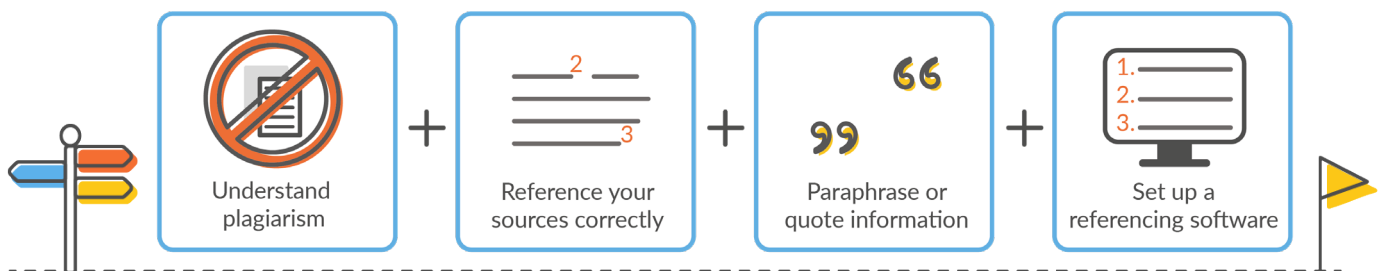
Use your sources correctly

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Whenever you want to **use information created by others** for your own papers, presentations, research projects and assignments you need to ensure that you **do not commit plagiarism**. You do so by **referencing** where you got the information from and formulating it **in your own words** when you incorporate it into your product. How you reference your sources depends on your field and the **referencing style** you follow. Using and referring to reliable sources **improves the scientific quality** of your work and allows others to understand what you are basing your insight, proposal, argument or solution on. The *Using your sources correctly module* helps you avoid committing plagiarism through proper referencing and paraphrasing. You can find a summary of the available chapters below. Select the support you need and get started!

Elements of using your sources correctly

The **Science Skills Platform** offers you a detailed and **practical guide** that helps you **identify plagiarism**, reference and use **different kind of source material** and set up a **referencing software**. How does the university check for plagiarism? What is a referencing style? How do you reference an image? When should you paraphrase and when should you quote information? And how does a referencing software like Mendeley work? The chapters of the *Using your sources correctly module* guide you through the elements below.



Links to all relevant skills chapters

[Understand what plagiarism means for you](#)
[Properly reference sources](#)

[Paraphrase or quote information](#)
[Set up a referencing software](#)

Before you can reference your sources, you first need to **find reliable sources**. The theory of the [Explore the research area chapter](#) explains how you search for reliable sources. You can also consult the *Conduct a literature search flyer* for an overview of the available support.



Keep in mind that the **instructions** you receive from your **supervisor** are always leading. They might have specific expectations of your referencing that go beyond the content presented on the skills platform.

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