Example Reference List/Bibliography


Colvin, M. (2008) Healthy travel: can social marketing make the journey to work more healthy? MBA., University of Stirling, Department of Management & Organisation.

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*From faking it to making it: one to one coaching in the real world* (2005) [Video Cassette] London: Video Arts.


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There is some evidence (Smith 1995) that these figures are incorrect.

OR

Smith (1995) has provided evidence that these figures are incorrect.
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For example:

It has been argued that ‘many C++-programmers still hesitate to implement the ET technique’ (Härdtlein et al. 2010, p.59).

OR

Härdtlein et al. (2010, p.59) argue that ‘many C++-programmers still hesitate to implement the ET technique’.

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