

## Transcript

### What is referencing?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

SPEAKER: OK, so referencing is one aspect of developing good academic practice, which John was talking about earlier. So referencing is one skill that forms part of a wider good academic practice that you will develop throughout your studies with us. It's an essential skill that we want you to learn at university.

There's a great video on the library website. So if anybody's worried about plagiarism, then do have a look at that, and it will talk you through how you can avoid plagiarism. And also, don't be scared of referencing. Everybody sees referencing and thinks, oh, but actually, it's easy.

And that's what you'll discover as you move through your studies. Your module materials will guide you on how to reference appropriately. On a very basic level, as John's mentioned earlier, if you take something word for word from another source, you need to pop it in quotation marks, and you need to make sure that you reference the source afterwards.

So that whoever's marking it knows they aren't exactly your words. And even if you follow John's steps and you write things in your own words, your own interpretations, again, just acknowledge the original source that you're interpreting that from.

And if you follow those two easy steps, you won't go far wrong. You're not going to get referred for an academic conduct case, if you've got a comma in the wrong place or a bracket in the wrong place. As long as you've indicated on your work where there's a quote or where you've paraphrased, then that's absolutely fine.