

Preventing and identifying plagiarism: guidance for teachers

Acceptable approaches to referencing

Below are two examples of **acceptable** approaches to using references in written work. In these examples, the candidate has cited the source of the material appropriately within their writing. In the first example, the candidate has put the source in quotation marks, included the citation as a footnote and added a reference in the list of references at the end of their work. In the second example, the candidate has paraphrased the source, included a citation in brackets and added a reference in the list of references at the end of their work.

Acceptable: attributed quotation with footnote

The source is in quotation marks within the text.

Some argue that the only practical response to droughts and flooding is to allow people to migrate to less affected areas. As Alex Randall argues in an opinion piece for *Al Jazeera*, 'Governments should be harnessing, rather than preventing, the use of migration as a climate adaptation strategy. Governments must begin to understand that allowing this to happen, making it legal and facilitating it is their best option. The alternative is trying to prevent it and creating a crisis'.¹ Refugee populations will not simply disappear, so governments need to find realistic and constructive ways to deal with them.

The source has been referenced in the bibliography.

¹ Randall, Alex. (2018). 'Migration is a successful climate adaptation strategy.' *Al Jazeera*, 11 March. Online. <https://bit.ly/2Hqmt3i> (accessed 23/3/18).

The citation has been given a footnote.

Acceptable: paraphrase with citation in brackets

The citation has been included in brackets in the text.

Some argue that the only practical response to droughts and flooding is to allow people to migrate to less affected areas. Governments might even be able to benefit from the arrival of climate refugees – in any case, they cannot prevent them from arriving without causing a humanitarian disaster (Randall, 2018). Refugee populations will not simply disappear, so governments need to find realistic and constructive ways to deal with them.

The candidate has paraphrased the source.

The source has been referenced in the bibliography.

References

Randall, Alex. (2018). 'Migration is a successful climate adaptation strategy.' *Al Jazeera*, 11 March. Online. <https://bit.ly/2Hqmt3i> (accessed 23/3/18).

Unacceptable approaches to referencing

In contrast to this, below is an example of an **unacceptable** use of an external source, even though the candidate lists it in their bibliography. This is unacceptable because the candidate does not cite the source in their writing so we cannot tell where or how they have used it. It might appear in the example below that the candidate's use of the source material is actually their own work. It is not clear to the reader that the candidate has actually taken the text from an external source. Candidates must identify clearly and immediately any work which is not their own in their writing, as well as in their bibliography.

Unacceptable: unattributed reproduced material

The candidate has paraphrased the source but not cited it within the text.

Although the source is listed in the bibliography, the source has not been cited clearly in the text making it difficult to identify how and where it has been used.

Some argue that the only practical response to droughts and flooding is to allow people to migrate to less affected areas. Governments should be harnessing, rather than preventing, the use of migration as a climate adaptation strategy. Governments must begin to understand that allowing this to happen, making it legal and facilitating it is their best option. The alternative is trying to prevent it and creating a crisis. Refugee populations will not simply disappear, so governments need to find realistic and constructive ways to deal with them.

References

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