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Located **within the body of your report or paper**, in-text citations briefly identify the source for your readers and enable them to locate the source of information in your reference list.

Each in-text citation must have a corresponding entry in the reference list at the end of your document. There are two exceptions – references to classical works such as the Bible and references to personal communications are only cited in-text.

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In-text citation examples:

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Or

Students often struggle with a new citation style (Strunk & White, 2007).

Reference list citation example:

Strunk, W., & White, E. B. (2007). *The elements of style*. New York, NY: Penguin Press.

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