

Dimension 1: Source Referentiality

Note: “Source” is defined as any cited alphabetic text (or text involving language - e.g., narrated video), in digital or print format. “Cited” means the source is cited in the bibliography or the reader would expect to see the source in the bibliography.

Reference

Definition: Code as *reference* any t-unit in which the writer makes explicit reference to a source, usually through citation practice, attribution, or acknowledgment of authorship.

Reference may include instances where the writer....

1. names an author or a source title (such as an article or periodical title) Applies any time there’s an author named earlier in the essay, regardless of whether source referred to in that t-unit.
2. integrates a direct or indirect quote from a source (An “indirect quote” summarizes or paraphrases another’s words without the use of quotation marks.)
3. drops a direct quote that stands alone
4. includes a parenthetical citation
5. uses a pronoun or demonstrative that refers to a specific previously named author
 - a. Example: (in 2nd t-unit) “In this study, Li states, ‘males and mother scanned longer and with a higher frequency than females without lambs (Li). Later, **she** goes on to confirm this based on field observations.”
 - b. Example: “All of these authors recognize the downfall of college readiness and have their own beliefs about who is to blame and how to fix the problem.”
 - c. But not: “Authors who write about the decline they see in college preparedness of high school graduates often blame the decline on different aspects and have their own beliefs on what the solution to the problem is.” Or, “In recent studies they have discovered that without predators killing prey, nature would be over capacitated.”
6. uses a pronoun, activity, or genre that refers to a previously named source or use of a source (rather than some part of the source, such as a poll, infographic, policy, legal case, etc. mentioned within it) e.g., “article,” “source,” “study,” “research,” “quote”

Note: Quotations marking an idiom rather than a source (e.g., “a stitch in time saves nine”) should **not** be coded as reference.

Note: Scare quotes or quotation marks used to indicate the writer’s attitude or distance should **not** be coded as reference.

Note: A source within a source (indirect source) should **not** be coded.

Example: “Clearly, this poll shows the support of Obamacare from minorities, which makes up a large part of Obama’s 2012 campaign platform.”

Note: Titles cited as facts should **not** be coded--only titles of sources whose argument or content is engaged, that from its use the reader would expect to find in a bibliography.

- Example: “Charles Dickens’s *A Tale of Two Cities* was published in 1896.” (not coded)
- Example: “The Affordable Health Care Act, known as ‘Obamacare’ passed in 2010.” (not coded)

None

Definition: Code as *none* any t-unit that cannot be coded as Reference.