

CSE citation quick reference

The three CSE systems, reference patterns and the sequence and dataset forms. Checked against Scientific Style and Format, 9th edition.

REFERENCE PATTERNS (NAME-YEAR)

Journal article
Author AA, Author BB. YYYY. Title of article. Journal Abbrev. 12(3):100–125. doi:10.xxxx/xxxxx

Article with an article number
Author AA. YYYY. Title of article. Journal Abbrev. 12(3):e0123456. doi:10.xxxx/xxxxx

Book
Author AA. YYYY. Title of book. 3rd ed. City (ST): Publisher.

Chapter
Author AA. YYYY. Title of chapter. In: Editor AA, editor. Title of book. City (ST): Publisher. p. 100–125.

Website
Name of Organisation. YYYY. Title of page [Internet]. City (ST): Publisher; [cited YYYY Mon DD]. Available from: <https://example.com/page>

Sequence record
Author AA. YYYY. Name of organism gene, complete cds. Bethesda (MD): NCBI; [cited YYYY Mon DD]. Accession No.: NM_123456.

Dataset
Author AA. YYYY. Title of dataset. Repository Name. doi:10.xxxx/xxxxx

Thesis
Author AA. YYYY. Title of dissertation [dissertation]. City (ST): University Name.

THE THREE SYSTEMS

Name-year (shown here)	(Watson and Crick 1953), alphabetical list
Citation-sequence	Numbered by first appearance, superscript in text
Citation-name	Alphabetical list, then numbered, superscript in text
In citation-sequence	The year moves after the journal name
Which to use	Whatever your journal or department specifies
Never	Two systems in one document

AUTHOR NAMES

Order	Surname then initials, run together: Watson JD, Crick FHC.
Up to ten	Name every author.
Over ten	Name the first ten, then et al.
Organisation	Printed in full as the author.

WHERE CSE DIFFERS FROM VANCOUVER

- The year comes straight after the author, not after the journal name.
- Ten authors are named before et al., not six.
- The place carries a state or country code: Cambridge (MA).
- Book titles are set in sentence case.

ONLINE SOURCE MARKERS

- [Internet] follows the title of any online source.
- [cited YYYY Mon DD] records when you consulted it.
- "Available from:" precedes the URL.
- Sequence records carry an accession number instead of pages.

SIX MISTAKES THAT COST MARKS

- Mixing two of the three systems.
- Using the Vancouver element order.
- Truncating the author list at six.
- Leaving the state code off a city.
- Citing a sequence without its accession number.
- Omitting [Internet] and the cited date.