

The three components of a quotation

(1) The quoted statement

This can either be reproduced unchanged (direct quotation) or, as in this example, reformulated (indirect quotation).

In Text
(Example)

Bei dem Verarbeiten wissenschaftlicher Literatur ist es wichtig zwischen relevanter und nicht relevanter Literatur zu unterscheiden (EBEL et al. 2012, S. 447).

(2) The short reference

A compact reference in the text. It is usually placed in brackets.

In the bibliography
(Example)

EBEL, H.F., BLIEFERT, C. & GREULICH, W. (2012): Schreiben und Publizieren in den Naturwissenschaften. 5. Auflage. Weinheim, Wiley. 659 S.

(3) The full reference

A detailed list of sources at the end of the paper.