

# Quick guide to referencing: RSC

Reference type	How to reference	Reference notes	How to cite
Book	G. Odian, <i>Principles of Polymerization</i> , Wiley, Hoboken N.J., 4 <sup>th</sup> edn, 2004.	Use initials for the author's first name.  Only include the edition if not the first edition.	Odian argues that... <sup>1</sup>  Polymerization is... <sup>1</sup>  "Quotation" <sup>1</sup>
Edited book	<i>Metal-catalyzed Cross-coupling Reactions</i> , ed. F. Diederich, P. J. Stang, Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 1999.	If a reference has 2 authors, give both names joined "and".  If a reference has more than 2 authors, give only the first name listed, followed by "et al." For co-authors use "and colleagues".	Diederich et al. argues that... <sup>2</sup>  The role of metal-catalyzed methods ... <sup>2</sup>  "Quotation" <sup>2</sup>

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Book chapter in an authored book	P. W. Atkins and J. de Paula, <i>Atkins' Physical Chemistry</i> , Oxford University Press, Oxford, 9 <sup>th</sup> edn, 2010, ch. 22, pp. 831-875.	The page numbers (pp.) go at the end.	Atkins and De Paula argue that... <sup>3</sup>  The definition of enthalpy may appear arbitrary. <sup>3</sup>  "Quotation" <sup>3</sup>
Book chapter in an edited book	T. N. Mitchell, <i>Metal-catalyzed Cross-coupling Reactions</i> , ed. F. Diederich and P. J. Stang, Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 1999, ch. 4, pp. 167-202.	If there is one, indicate the series number or information after "Ed."  The page numbers (pp.) go at the end.	Mitchell argues that... <sup>4</sup>  The role of metal-catalyzed methods ... <sup>4</sup>  "Quotation" <sup>4</sup>
Thesis	A. Alzhrani, PhD thesis, University of Warwick, 2011.	Indicate the level field (e.g. Ma/PhD), the university name and the year of completion.	Alzhrani argues that... <sup>6</sup>  Formation of hydrophilic polymer brushes... <sup>6</sup>  "Quotation" <sup>6</sup>

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Journal article	R. Chen, D. J. G. Pearce, S. Fortuna, D. L. Cheung and S. A. F. Bon, <i>J. Am. Chem. Soc.</i> , 2011, <b>133</b> , 2151.	<p>Note that journal titles are abbreviated. For more information refer to the CAS Source Index (CASSI) search tool: <a href="http://cassi.cas.org/search.jsp">http://cassi.cas.org/search.jsp</a></p> <p>Some journals do not number pages continuously through issues that make up a volume, i.e. each issue begins at p. 1. For such journals the issue number must be included.</p> <p>If you cannot locate an authoritative abbreviation for a journal, you should include the full title.</p>	<p>Chen et al. argue that...<sup>5</sup></p> <p>The fabrication of polymer vesicles...<sup>5</sup></p> <p>“Quotation”<sup>5</sup></p>
Web page	IUPAC Polymer Education Website, <a href="https://iupac.org/polymer-edu/">https://iupac.org/polymer-edu/</a> , (accessed 16 June 2017).	<p>If there is no author, use Anon.</p> <p>Remember, it may be a corporate author.</p>	<p>According to IUPAC<sup>7</sup>, ...</p> <p>Polymers are named...<sup>7</sup></p> <p>“Quotation”<sup>7</sup></p>

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