

Reference to another writer's ideas or position: author prominent

As argued by Smith (2003), X is far more cost effective, and therefore ...

According to Smith (2003), preventative medicine is far more cost effective, and therefore ...

Smith (2013)	claims argues suggests maintains concludes points out	that	preventative medicine is far more cost effective than ...
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Smith (2013)	offers suggests proposes argues for makes the case for ...	an explanatory theory for ...	
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Synthesising sources: supporting

Similarly, Jones (2006) found that X ...

In the same vein, Smith (1994) in his book XYZ notes ...

This view is supported by Jones (2000) who writes that ...

Smith argues that her data support O'Brien's (1988) view that ...

Jones's (1986) work on X is complemented by Smith's (2009) study of ...

Almost every paper that has been written on X includes a section relating to ...

Smith (2013) sees X as ... Smith (2013) argues that ...	Jones (2014), like Smith, maintains that ... Like Smith, Jones (2014) maintains that ... Similarly, Jones (2013) makes the case for ... Likewise, Jones (2013) holds the view that ... Supporting this view, Jones (2014) writes that ... Adopting a similar position, Jones (2014) argues that ... In the same vein, Jones (2013) in his book XXXXX notes ...
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Synthesising sources: contrasting

Other studies have concluded that ...

Unlike Smith, Jones (2013) argues that ...

In contrast to Smith, Jones (2013) argues that ...

A broader perspective has been adopted by Smith (213) who argues that ...

Contrary to previously published studies, Johnson *et al.* demonstrated the efficacy of...

Conversely, Smith (2010) reported no significant difference in mortality between X and Y.

Smith (2010) presents an X account, whilst Jones (2011) ...

While Smith (2008) focuses on X, Jones (2009) is more concerned with ...

Some writers (e.g. Smith, 2002) have attempted to draw fine distinctions between ...

Others (see Jones, 2003; Brown, 2004) question the usefulness of ...

Some authors have mainly been interested in questions concerning X (Smith, 2001; Jones ...)

Others have highlighted the relevance of ...

Whilst Smith identifies X as the principal dimension of Y,

Jones (2000) has taken a different approach by focusing on ...

Contrasting sources with 'however' for emphasis

Much of the available literature on X deals with the question of ...

However, Smith (2008) is much more concerned with ...

According to some studies, X is represented as ... (Smith, 2012; Davis, 2014)

However, others propose ... (Jones, 2014; Brown, 2015)

Smith (2013) found that X accounted for approximately 30% of Y.

Other researchers, however, who have looked at X, have found ... Jones (2010), for example, ...

Smith (2002) reports that ...

Jones' (2010) study of Y, however, found little evidence of ...

Some ways of introducing quotations

Commenting on X, Smith (2003) argues: '... ...'

As Jones (2014: 215) states: 'there are many good reasons to be sceptical'.

As Smith argues: 'In the past, the purpose of education was to ...' (Smith, 2000:150).

In the final part of the *Theses on Feuerbach*, Marx writes: 'Philosophers have hitherto only ...'

Sachs concludes: 'The idea of development stands today like a ruin in ...' (Sachs, 1992a: 156).

As Smith	notes: '... ..' writes: '... ..' argues: '... ..' observes: '... ..' points out: '... ..' reminds us: '... ..'	(Smith 2013: 23).
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Summarising the studies reviewed

Together, these studies indicate that ...

Overall, these studies highlight the need for ...

Considering all of this evidence, it seems that ...

Collectively, these studies outline a critical role for...

In all the studies reviewed here, X is recognised as ...

The evidence presented in this section suggests that ...

The studies presented thus far provide evidence that ...

Taken together, these studies support the notion that ...

Overall, there seems to be some evidence to indicate that ...

Together these studies provide important insights into the ...

All of the studies reviewed here support the hypothesis that ...

Two important themes emerge from the studies discussed so far:

However, such studies remain narrow in focus dealing only with ...

The evidence reviewed here seems to suggest a pertinent role for ...

These studies clearly indicate that there is a relationship between ...

In view of all that has been mentioned so far, one may suppose that ...

There remain several aspects of X about which relatively little is known.

Overall, these studies	suggest that ... suggest the efficacy of ... suggest an inverse association between ... suggest that the self-report method possesses ... suggest that both X and Y play a role in the development of ...
	illustrate how ... illustrate the role of ... illustrate the flexibility of ... illustrate the heterogeneity of ... illustrate just how important X is in ...

Overall, these studies	highlight the need for ... highlight the complexity of ... highlight the positive aspects of ... highlight the beneficial effects of ... highlight the unique relationship between ...
	indicate a link between ... consistently indicate that ... clearly indicate the importance of ... indicate that Xs are often important predictors of ... indicate that the X has only a slight impact, if any, on ...
	provide mixed evidence for ... provide converging evidence for ... provide evidence for the usefulness of ... provide strong evidence for the efficacy of ... provide reasonably consistent evidence of an association between ...
	show weak evidence of ... show that Xs may serve as important ... show a modest correlation between X and Y. show that X is caused by a complex system of ... show that a change from X to Y is usually associated with ...

Summarising the literature review section

The previous section has shown that ...

In conclusion, these studies show that ...

The evidence reviewed here seems to suggest ...

To conclude this section, the literature identifies ...

This review has demonstrated the shortcomings of ...

In summary, it has been shown from this review that ...

Taken together, these studies support the notion that ...

In summary, little is known about the interrelationships between ...

This section has attempted to provide a brief summary of the literature relating to ...