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- Avoid excessive use of abbreviations. If an abbreviation is only used once or twice consider writing the abbreviation out in full.
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  - Times New Romans
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  - 1.15 spacing
  - Justified (except for the reference list)
  - Standardised margins of 2.54cm

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**TITLE: CENTRED, BOLD, UPPERCASE**

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- Use the headings “references” not reference list or bibliography.
- All in text citations should be reflected in the references.
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- Please ensure that the reference list is arranged alphabetically.
- References of more than one source in the text should be arranged alphabetically when in brackets: (Barry & Plain, 2007; Maputo, 1998; Sharp & Cande, 2012).
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  - (Jöreskog & Sörbom, 2007)
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- All lines in the reference after the first line should be indented 0.5 from the left margin (see examples).
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- Specifically note the use of capitals, punctuation marks and italics in the examples below.

SOURCE	REFERENCE	NOTES
Book: One author	Creswell, J.W. (2014). <i>Qualitative inquiry and research design</i> (4 <sup>th</sup> ed.) Sage Publication.	The location of the publication is not cited.
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Journal	Mansvelt, N. (2018). Implementing ABCD tools and processes in the context of social work student practice. <i>Social Work/Maatskaplike Werk</i> , 54(1), 132-143. <a href="https://doi.org/10.15270/54-1-619">https://doi.org/10.15270/54-1-619</a>	The name of the journal and the volume number should be in italics.  Include the DOI in https format, do not place a period at the end of the DOI.
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	<i>World Health Organization African regional office</i> . Brazzaville: WHO Regional Office for Africa.	(World Health Organization [WHO], 2021) Do not use the abbreviation in the reference list.
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News article	Isaacs, L. (2023, March 21). WC MEC Fernandez honours social workers, says they're the backbone of her dept. <i>Eyewitness News</i> . <a href="https://ewn.co.za/0001/01/01/wc-mec-fernandez-honours-social-workers-say-they-re-the-backbone-of-her-dept">https://ewn.co.za/0001/01/01/wc-mec-fernandez-honours-social-workers-say-they-re-the-backbone-of-her-dept</a>	Where possible refer to the internet source of the news article and provide a hyperlink.  Do not place a period after the URL.

## IN-TEXT CITATIONS

- Quotes of less than 40 words are kept in the text. The in-text citation must include page numbers. Add double inverted commas, and do not italicise.

*Example:*

The research took on an exploratory design, this allowed the researchers to “gain insight into a situation, phenomenon, community or individual” (Fouché & De Vos, 2011, p. 95).

According to Fouché and De Vos (2011, p. 95) exploratory research designs allow the researcher to “gain insight into a situation, phenomenon, community or individual”.

- Quotes of 40 or more words are placed in a block quotation. Do not include quotation marks. Indent 0.5 from the left margin. If the in-text citation comes after the quote it is placed after the period.

*Example:*

Quantitative research is useful when:

*You want to quantify the variation in a phenomenon, situation problem or issue, if information is gathered using predominantly quantitative variables, and if the analysis is generated to ascertain the magnitude of the variation, the study is classified as a quantitative study. (Kumar, 1999, p. 10)*

Kumar (1999, p. 10) states that you would use quantitative research when:

*You want to quantify the variation in a phenomenon, situation problem or issue, if information is gathered using predominantly quantitative variables, and if the analysis is generated to ascertain the magnitude of the variation, the study is classified as a quantitative study.*

## PARTICIPANT QUOTES/NARRATIVES

- Researchers should not make use of participants original names in the article. Pseudonyms should be used to safeguard the participants' confidentiality and anonymity. Alternatively, a code could be given for each participant. Eg Participant 1; P2.
- Participant codes or pseudonyms come after the narrative. It should be placed in brackets and not italicised.
- You only need to include participant pseudonyms or numbers if there is a table of biographical/demographic details.
- Narratives from participants are italicised. Indent 0.5 from left margin. Do not include quotation marks

*Example:*

*I wish children just listened to their parents.* (Participant C)

*The children don't want to listen, they just do their own thing.* (Participant F)

As indicate above, parents found it challenging that their children would not listen to them, this makes it even harder for them to discipline their children.

*The kids don't listen, they don't pick up anything, or help with anything, how can I tell them that they must do their homework or can't go out with their friends.* (Participant A)

If quotes are part of a discussion paragraph they need to be less than 40 words. Longer quotes must be done in a block quotation as discussed above.

## TABLES AND FIGURES

- Table and figure headings are both placed above the item.
- First provide the table or figure number in bold and italics, followed by the title, not italicised.
- Avoid shading in tables, only shade the row or column with headings.
- Limit the use of borders and lines in the table; only include vertical/column borders if it makes it easier to read the data.
- Tables should be 10 font, Times New Roman, 1 line spacing.
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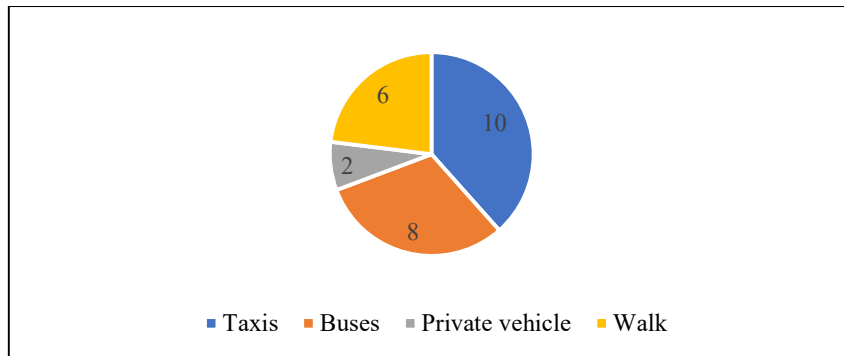
Example:

**Table 1: Biographical details of participants**

Participant number	Employment status	Number of children in foster care	Number of biological children
Participant 1	Unemployed	2	1
Participant 2	Part time	1	2
Participant 3	Unemployed	1	3
Participant 4	Unemployed	2	0
Participant 5	Unemployed	1	0
Participant 6	Part time	1	2

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**Figure 1: Participant's mode of transport to work**



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