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Format (Print)

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Examples

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Fisher, D. (2000). *Homework: Attitudes, time, gender, and achievement in English and science amongst year 11 students* (Unpublished master's thesis). Auckland College of Education, Auckland, New Zealand.

Ingram, P. T. (1990). *Indigenous entrepreneurship and tourism development in the Cook Islands and Fiji*

(Unpublished PhD thesis). Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

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- In a recent study, Smith (1988) showed that ... Another finding, according to Smith, was that ...

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- Research suggests that "students perform better when rested" (Smith, 1988, p. 5).
- Smith (1988) observed that "students perform better when rested" (p. 5).

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