

The content below shows all of the required parts of your bibliographic entry and offers suggestions for how to write each sentence. It also provides an example of a complete entry.

Examples of annotated bibliography entries

When you compose your annotated bibliography, consider each part of the annotation. Sentence starters can help you to focus your thoughts on these questions.

	The parts of a bibliography entry	Examples
Descriptive steps 1-3	1 The citation information should be in the same format as it would be in the reference list.	Example of a reference (APA style) Griffiths, T. (1996). <i>Hunters and collectors: The antiquarian imagination in Australia</i> . Cambridge University Press.
	2 A short statement of the author's viewpoint	Example of sentence starters *In this article, Johnson reviews . . . *This article examines . . . *The authors describe . . . *The author's purpose is to challenge . . .
	3 A short summary of the theory, research findings or argument	Example of sentence starters *The main ideas expressed are . . . *Support for these claims is documented . . . *Smith has conducted a thorough investigation of . . . *The author's research focuses on . . .
Descriptive and evaluative steps 1-5	4 Comments on the usefulness and/or limitations of the text for your research	Example of sentence starters *The author provides a strong theoretical . . . *The writing style considers a range of audiences . . . *Theories are supported by well-known researchers in this field, such as . . . *There is a lack of supporting evidence . . . *The main limitation of the website . . .
	5 An evaluative comment on the work, taking into account how this work will fit into your research on a topic	Example of sentence starters *This article is useful for the research topic . . . * Because the information is up-to-date and from a reliable source . . . * It is relevant to the thesis because . . . * In particular, this article will assist . . .

Words in bold are transition words that help you to connect your ideas in between sentences.

Fictional authors and text have been used for teaching purposes.

1	McVenna, M.J., Smith, J. & Gant, P. (2019). Standards of care: A collective meaning for nursing. <i>Nursing Times</i> . 143(23), 40–42. http://doi.org/10.1188/106256204478
2	The article examines the meaning of the word 'care' within a nursing context. The
3	responsibility of nurses to provide care is well-documented in numerous medical reports, and the authors go on to identify key concepts related to nursing care. In particular, these concepts include assisting, helping and giving a service; offering this service to people who need help with daily living activities and to others who are affected by ill health of some kind. Moreover, the nurse's caring role is validated by the needs and expectations of their patients. Finally, the article concludes by relating how these concepts are put into operation by using the steps of the nursing process: assessing, planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating the patient's need for nursing care.
5	The main limitation of the article is that all of the research was exclusively conducted in large city hospitals. Therefore, while the article is useful for an analysis of nursing care, the limitations of its research base will require some adaption to be an inclusive commentary on services in both city and country area hospitals. (178 words)