Reporting verbs
When introducing references into the text (citing) you should choose suitable 'reporting' verbs as these can:

- strengthen the arguments you are presenting
- help the reader understand why the source is relevant.

Some verbs are neutral:
- Smith (2004) describes...
- Jones (1999, p 3) states...
- Green (2002) defines...

Some verbs draw attention to the author's viewpoint:
- Harris (2001) argues...
- O'Neill (1997) disputed...
- Jackson (2003) conceded...

Some verbs give information about the author's work:
- Holmes (2000) investigated...
- Church (1998) evaluated...
- McColl (2002) estimated...

Some verbs highlight the author's viewpoint:
- Brown (2001) believes...
- McAllister (1996) recognised...
- Smith (2004) predicted...

Other useful reporting verbs (use present or past tense as appropriate)
- analyses/analysed
- compares/compared
- comments/commented
- concludes/concluded
- criticises/criticised
- demonstrates/demonstrated
- discusses/discussed
- illustrates/illustrated
- indicates/indicated
- notes/noted
- observes/observed
- points out/pointed out
- reports/reported
- shows/showed
- suggests/suggested
- validates/suggested
- verifies/validated