

## 1.26 Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements are usually included at the beginning of a long piece of work such as a dissertation or thesis.

They are a list of people and organisations both within and outside Birmingham City University who you would like to thank for assistance, advice or information.

### Example acknowledgements

This is obviously a very personal part of your work; the extract below will simply give you an idea of the sort of language used.

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Other expressions you might use include:

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