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Unsure what a referee is? Your referee is the person who writes your reference, and is usually a teacher or tutor at your school. Your referee usually knows everything about your academic work, but information about life outside school can really help the reference writing process. You should let your referee know about the following things.

**Three Things to Tell Your Referee**

**UCAS Applications**

**Beyond the Classroom**

Are there any activities you get up to outside of school that are particularly impressive or related to your chosen course? If so, let your referee know.

**World of Work**

Do you do paid or voluntary work for a company or charity that demonstrates your work ethic, enthusiasm and positivity? If so, let your referee know.

**Family Life**

Are you the first member of your family to apply to university, or have you overcome challenges at home (big or small)? If so, let your referee know.