APA Format - 7th Edition

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The Reference Page

The following sections show some of the more commonly used APA citation rules. For the circumstances beyond those listed here, please see the full *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)* available for checkout at the Library Service Desk.

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ONLINE SOURCES

Journals and Magazines Published Monthly or Quarterly

General Format

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Name of Journal*, *volume number*(issue number), pages. https://doi:xxxxxxxxxx

List authors by their last name and initials only. List up to twenty authors. For more than twenty authors, after the 19th author replace any additional authors with ellipses (…) and the final author.

All citations must be in the Hanging Indent Format with the first line flush to the left margin and all other lines indented.

Italicize the name of the journal and the volume number. Use the article's DOI (Digital Object Identifier) as a hyperlink (i.e., beginning with "http:// or https://"), the unique code given by the publisher to a specific article. Use the DOI information as it appears in the article. The examples below show the two versions –the numeric string or the alphanumeric string.

Senior, B., & Swailes, S. (2007). Inside management teams: Developing a teamwork survey instrument. *British Journal of Management*, *18*(2),138-153. https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-8551.2006.00507.x

Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J.-Y., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L.,...Griffin, W. A.(2000). An experimental evaluation of theory-based mother and mother-child programs for children of divorce. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, *68*(5),843-856. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/0022-006X.68.5.843

For journal articles with no DOI from most academic research databases, do not include a URL or database name. Exceptions include proprietary databases like UpToDate, preprint archives like PsyArXiv, archives or repositories, etc., where the source is *only* available there. In these cases, use the database name and the URL of the work. You do not need to list "Retrieved from" nor an access date. There is no period at the end of the web address.

Sell, K., Clocksin, B. D., Spierer, D., & Ghigiarelli, J. (2011). Energy Expenditures during Non-Traditional Physical Activities. *Journal of Exercise Physiology Online*, *14*(3), 101–112.

Lodewijkx, H. F. M. (2001). Individual-group continuity in cooperation and competition under varying communication conditions. *Current Issues in Social Psychology*, *6*(12), 166-182. http://www.uiowa.edu/~grpproc/crisp/crisp.6.12.htm

Journals and Magazines Published Weekly or Biweekly

- Use the entire date for daily, weekly or biweekly publications. The format is Year, Month Day.
- Always list the issue number, even if the journal is paged continuously.

Newspapers

Healy, M. (2018, January 20). Concussion is the tip of CTE iceberg. *Los Angeles Times*, p. B2. http://www.latimes.com

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS

General Format

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of work. Retrieved from web address

Online Report

Hefferon, M. & Funk, C. (2020, January 7). *More Americans now see 'very high' preventative health benefits from measles vaccine.* Pew Research Center. https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/01/07/more-americans-now-see-very-high-preventive-health-benefits-from-measles-vaccine/

Online Report with a Corporate/Group Author

When the name of the author and the site name are the same, leave out the site name from the source element.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2018, January 23). People at high risk of developing flu-related complications. https://www.cdc.gov/flu/highrisk/

Webpage with no Author

If there is no individual author consider if the site is from an organization such as a government' org or non-profit org and use the group's name as shown above. If not, consider if the site is appropriate for academic use, if so, move the title of the page to the front.

Webpage with No Date

Replace the date with (n.d.). Only use a retrieval date when the contents of the page is intended to change over time.

National Nurses United (n.d.). *What employers should do to protect nurses from Zika.* https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/blog/what-employers-should-do-protect-nurses-zika

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.) *U.S. and world population clock.* U.S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved July 3, 2019 from https://www.census.gov/popclock

PRINT RESOURCES -BOOKS, CHAPTERS IN BOOKS, ETC.

General Format

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of work*. Publisher.

The title of the book is *italicized*. You do not need to include the location of the publisher.

Alexie, S. (1992). *The business of fancy dancing: Stories and poems*. Hang Loose Press.

Corporate Author with an Edition and Published by the Corporate Author

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5thed.). https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596

Anonymous Author

Dorland's illustrated medical dictionary (32nd ed.). (2011). Saunders.

Chapter in a Book

Von Hoene, L., Nilson, L. B., & Siering, G. (2017). Intended teaching effectiveness outcomes for instructors and faculty development. In C. Haras, S. C. Taylor, M. D. Sorcinelli, & L. von Hoene (Eds.), *Institutional commitment to teaching excellence: Assessing the impacts and outcomes of faculty development* (pp. 17-27). American Council on Education.

"Secondary Sources" aka a Source within a Source

When citing in the text of a work discussed or reprinted in another source, give both the primary and the secondary sources. In the example below, the study by Seidenberg and McClelland was mentioned in an article by Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller.

Seidenberg and McClelland's study (as cited in Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller, 1993) provided a glimpse into the world.

In the references page, you would cite the secondary source you read not the original study.

Coltheart, M., Curtis, B., Atkins, P., & Haller, M. (1993). Models of reading aloud: Dual-route and parallel-distributed-processing approaches. *Psychological Review*, *100*,589-608. https://doi.org/10.1037/0033-295X.100.4.589

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

APA utilizes a system of brief referencing in the text of a paper, whether one is paraphrasing or providing a direct quotation from another author's work. Citations in the text usually consist of the name of the author(s) and the year of publication. Add the page number when utilizing a direct quotation.

All Source Types

No. of Authors	Parenthetical Citation	Narrative Citation
One Author	(Fuentes, 2020)	Fuentes (2020)
Two Authors	(Jackson & Wu, 2020)	Jackson and Wu (2020)
Three or more Authors	(Patel et al., 2019)	Patel et al. (2019)

Indirect Quotation with Parenthetical Citation

Libraries historically highly value intellectual freedom and patron confidentiality (LaRue, 2007).

Indirect Quotation with Author as Part of the Narrative

LaRue (2007) identified intellectual freedom and patron confidentiality as two key values held historically by libraries.

Direct Quotation with Parenthetical Citation

Darwin used the metaphor of the tree of life "to express the other form of interconnectedness–genealogical rather than ecological" (Gould& Brown, 1991, p. 14).

Direct Quotation with Author as Part of the Narrative

Gould and Brown (1991) explained that Darwin used the metaphor of the tree of life "to express the other form of interconnectedness–genealogical rather than ecological" (p. 14).

Direct Quotation with Parenthetical Citation–Three authors in first citation

"Recognizing a teacher's view of information literacy in an active learning environment may provide a basis for productive collaborative efforts" (Maybee, et al., 2016, p. 709).

Direct Quotation with Parenthetical Citation–Three authors in subsequent citation

Maybee et al. (2016) further suggested that "librarians should be prepared to describe how using information is important to the active learning experience" (p. 710).

Web Sites in Parenthetical Citations

To cite an entire Web site (but not a specific document within the site), it is sufficient to give the URL of the site in the text. No entry in the reference list is needed. Example:

Kidpsych is an excellent website for young children (http://www.kidpsych.org).