

APA CITATION GUIDELINES

This handout gives the most commonly used citations from the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (2010). Note that there are differences from the previous edition.

APA In-text Citations

Whenever you use information or ideas from another text in your paper, you must indicate what work you used and when it was published. In-text citations are used in conjunction with the Reference list. Author and year should go in parenthesis after the idea, paraphrase, or quote from a source. If there is no author, use the first item of the Reference list (article or website name, etc).

Typical reference: single author

A recent study (Davis, 1997) indicates that the attention span of college freshmen varies from class to class.

Author name in text

Davis (1997) notes that the attention span of college freshmen varies from those of college seniors.

A work by two authors (*Write out all last names in text*)

Jacobsen and Waugh note that the death penalty is not warranted because of all the innocent people who have been found on death row (210).

A work by two or three authors (*Write out all last names*)

Jacobson and Waugh (1985) argue that the death penalty is not warranted because of the difficulties of proving guilt.

A work by more than three authors (*List all authors first time, note et al subsequently*)

Bell, Carter, Dixon, and Reed (1999) explore the evolution of Islam in modern Europe.

Bell et al. (1999) note that the European powers believed they could change the fundamentals of Moslem existence.

A work produced by a group (*Write out full name the first time, use acronym subsequently*)

New figures for stress-related illnesses reveal a disturbing trend (National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 1999).

Researchers differ in approaches to dealing with these new challenges (NIMH, 1999).

A work without an author or with an anonymous author (*Use a shortened version of the title beginning with the first word on reference page*)

Incidents of harassment on college campuses have been on the decline ("Study Finds," 2001).

The report *New Frontiers in Therapy* (2000) outlines several alternative approaches in the field.

The institution also encourages teachers to give additional homework weekly (Anonymous, 1999).

A work without a publication date (Use "n.d." for "no date")

Lerner (n.d.) questions the variables of guilt and self-esteem in studying serial killers.

A work where only a specific part of a source is used (*Indicate page number, table, figure, etc*)

Another experiment (Williams, 1998, table 2) finds no relationship.

Works that have the same information (*Note the sources in alphabetical order*)

Several studies (Edwards, 1999; Finster, 1995; Sprague, 1992) note a connection between exercise and stress level.

Works with the same author last name (*Use first initials*)

R. A. Brown (1995) finds that media influence is negligible; M. N. Brown (1998) concludes the opposite.



An indirect source (*If you are using a source quoted in another source use "as cited in"*)

Allport's diary showcases examples of the time period (as cited in Nicholson, 2003).

Personal communication (*Use in-text only*)

This was determined in a conversation with T.K Lutes (personal communication, April 18, 2001).

A direct quote of four lines or more (*Indent quotation one tab, double space, no quotation marks*)

Bell (2001) notes that readers and writers have a specific kind of relationship:

Writers stake out a territory to explore, provide maps designed for discovery, and invite readers to join the expedition. Readers, in turn, survey the invitation and weigh the possibilities for discovery before making a commitment to the journey. The next time you're in a bookstore or library, you can watch these negotiations in action. (p. 1)

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If a portion of the information shown below does not exist for your source, omit it. Note: when you cite in APA format, use a hanging indent (shown below). For space reasons, the citations here are not double-spaced but citations in a paper should be.

Books:

Author's (or editor's if an edited work) last name, first initial. (Year of Publication). Title of Book.

City of Publication: Name of publisher.

One author or edited volume:

Shotton, M. (1989). *Computer addiction?: A study of computer dependency*. London, England: Taylor & Francis.

Editor, A.A. (Ed.). (1986). *Great work*. Santa Barbara, CA: University of California.

Two to eight authors:

Baker, R.P. & Shaw, J. F. (2008). *School science*. Los Angeles, CA: Griffith.

Furukawa, J., Saito, J., Sakai, H., Yamamoto, M., & Yamashita, K. *Second language in the classroom*. Albuquerque, NM: Desert.

Reference book:

VandenBos, G.R. (Ed.). (2007). *APA dictionary of psychology*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Conference presentation or poster:

Leclerc, C.M. & Hess, T.M. (2005, August). *Age differences in processing of affectively primed information*. Poster session presented at the 113th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Doctoral dissertation:

Author, P. A. (2003). *Title of doctoral dissertation or master's thesis* (Doctoral dissertation or master's thesis). Retrieved from Name of database. (Accession or Order No.)

Editorial without author:

Editorial: "What is a disaster" and why does this question matter? [Editorial]. (2006). *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management*, 14, 1-2.

Magazine article:

Chamberlin, J., Novotney, A., Packard, E., & Price, M. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being: Occupational health psychologists convene to share their research on work, stress, and health. *Monitor on Psychology, 39*(6).

Newspaper article:

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

Translation:

Laplace, P. S. (1951). A philosophical essay on probabilities. (F. W. Truscott & F. L. Emory, Trans.). New York: Dover. (Original work published 1814).

Book review:

Schatz, B.R. (2000, November 17). Learning by text or context? [Review of the book *The social life of information*, by J.S. Brown & P. Duguid]. *Science, 290*, 1304.

Television episode:

Egan, D. (Writer), & Alexander, J. (Director). (2005). Failure to communicate [Television series episode]. In D. Shore (Executive producer), *House*. New York, NY: Fox Broadcasting.

Music recording:

Edmonds., K., Eriksen, M., Hermanson, T.E., & Knowles, B. (2009). Broken-hearted girl [Recorded by B. Knowles]. On *I am...Sasha Fierce* [CD]. New York, NY: Columbia.

Unpublished manuscript:

Blackwell, E., & Conrod, P.J. (2003). *A five-dimensional measure of drinking motives*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Photographs:

Photographs of Robert M. Yerkes]. (cs. 1917-1954). Robert Mearns Yerkes Papers (Box 137, Folder 2292), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, New Haven, CT.

APA References Page (Online Sources)

Note that some online sources from databases and other resources may contain a digital object identifier, or DOI. When present, this should be listed in your reference page. If not present, use this format for urls: "Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxx>"

Online version of a print book:

Schiraldi, G.R. (2001). *The post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: A guide to healing, recovery, and growth* [Adobe Digital Editions version]. doi:10.1036/0071393722

Online magazine article:

Clay, R. (2008, June). Science vs. ideology: Psychologists fight back about the misuse of research. *Monitor on Psychology, 39*(6). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor>

Online newspaper article:

Brody, J.E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserves keep brain agile. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>



An internet article based on a print source:

VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates [Electronic version]. *Journal of Bibliographic Research*, 5, 117-123.

Media obtained online (video):

American Psychological Associations. (2000). *Responding therapeutically* [DVD]. Available from <http://www.apa.org/videos/>

Corporate author:

American Psychological Association, Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls. (2007). *Report of the \APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls*. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/pi/wpo/sexualization.html>

Entry in an online reference work:

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E.N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Fall 2007 ed.). Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism/>

Online entry with no author:

Heuristic. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster's* online dictionary (11th ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.mw.com/dictionary/heuristic>

Government report:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. (2003). *Managing asthma: a guide for schools* (NIH Publication No. 02-2650). Retrieved from http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf

Blog post:

MiddleKid. (2007, January 22). Re: The unfortunate prerequisites and consequences of partitioning your Mind [Web log comment]. Retrieved from http://scienceblogs.com/pharyngula/2007/01/the_Unfortunate_prerequisites.php

Online forum/discussion group:

Rampersad, T. (2005, June 8). Re: Traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from http://www.wipo.int/roller/comments/ipisforum/Weblog/theme_eight_how_can_cultural#comments

For more information, please refer to:

- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. 6th Ed. (2010).
- The Purdue Online Writing Lab: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
- Anatomy of an APA citation handout
- Librarian or Writing Center Tutor