APA References (6th edition)

Helpful Hints

• Only the major publication for each entry is italicized: (Article title, Journal Title).
• All reference pages are double-spaced throughout (exception: dissertation reference pages).
• Capitalization rules vary, depending upon type of reference (e.g., book vs. journal).
• Each reference entry is indented after the first line (hanging indent).
• Never use bold, underlined, or colored text in references.

Book


As in-text citation: (McWilliams, 1994).

Chapter in an edited book


As in-text citation w/quote: (Kiefer, 1999, p. 195).

Article in magazine


As in-text citation: (Stein, 2003).

Newspaper article, no author


As in-text citation: (“Darfur’s,” 2004). In place of author, use first word or two of title in quotes.
Online newspaper article


• (Hit “Enter” key before a slash or other punctuation in lengthy URL to avoid excessive white space.)

• As in-text citation: (Sanders, 2009).

Article in a journal (printed version only)


• Volume number is italicized; issue number is not.

• First letter of each significant word in journal title is capitalized.

• As in-text citation: (Roy, 1982).

Electronic issue of printed journal (article with DOI)


• doi: Digital Object Identifier

• No retrieval date necessary since this is the final (archival) version.

• No database name needed since DOI takes place of database name or accession number.

• As in-text citation: (Cole & Bedeian, 2007).

Journal article (from database), no DOI


• Give exact URL (if content is open-access) or URL of journal home page (if accessible only by subscription).

• No retrieval date is included because the above article is the final version.

• No period is included at the end of a URL unless it’s part of the URL.
Dissertation


(Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses. (AAT 3241802)

Dictionaries (Thou shalt not use Wikipedia!)

Online dictionary


Printed dictionary


Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

As in-text citation with direct quote: (Mish, 2007, p. 399).

Internet Only Sources

Should include:

- Title or description of document
  - Use document names, not home or menu pages.
  - Use brackets to describe the type of document when it is otherwise unclear.
- Date of posting or update
- URL address
  - Divide lengthy URLs by striking the Enter key before a slash or underscore.
  - Ensure that the URLs you cite work!
- If there is no author listed, use the article/topic title:


- Direct quote citation: (“Human,” n.d., para. 2)
  - Use paragraph numbers in citations for direct quotes when there are no page numbers.

U.S. government report on Web site:


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• Do not include period at end of URL since readers must be able to access the reference’s site correctly.

**Authored report, from nongovernmental organization**


**Fact sheet**


• The organization is generally the author of these types of documents.
Citation Guide

Basic Components
• Author’s name, date (year), page

Short Quotations
• Integrate into body of text using quotation marks.
• Punctuation follows the citation.

Example:
Spirituality and religion are important parts of life for many people, and the traditions “offer many tools to enhance psychological, physical, interpersonal, and community functioning” (Plante, 2008, p. 442).

Long Quotations (40 words or more)
• Begin quotation on a new line
• Indent ½ inch from left margin (5 spaces)
• Double-space
• No quotation marks
• Punctuate quotation; no period following citation

Example:
In their investigation of mental representations of early parenting, Mayes and Leckman (2007) suggested this view:

Parents whose representations of early parenting are colored by perceptions and experiences of unavailable or inadequate care are less able to sustain the intense, adaptive preoccupied focus on their new infant without also experiencing more dysphoria than would usually be adaptive. In this model, early parenting experiences set the threshold for how vulnerable parents are in the peripartum period to the depressive costs of engaging with a new infant. (pp. 293-294)

Specific Cases
• When author’s name is NOT used in sentence, author, date, and page number come at the end of the sentence or after relevant citation.

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Example:
Study participants responded differently due to their perceptions of the client’s cultural power, which is the “degree of privilege received in society based on cultural identity” (Hays et al., 2007, p. 317).

• When author’s name IS used in sentence, the year is placed directly after the name; the page number is cited at the end.

Example:
In their investigation, Piaseu, Schepp, and Belza (2002) defined self-efficacy as “the individual’s confidence to perform preventive practices/behaviors in the domains of increased dietary calcium and weight-bearing exercise” (p. 367).

• For two or more authors, use both names in citation, and use “&” in between names.
• Use “and” when author’s name is mentioned in body of text.

Example:
• If the psychologist lacks training and experience to provide competent treatment to a survivor of sexual abuse, then he or she should consult with another expert clinician and attempt to make a referral to a therapist who does have the training and experience to work with this population (Bernstein & Hartsell, 2004).
• Bernstein and Hartsell (2004) recommend offering at least three referrals, taking care to check references and to find out whether the therapist is licensed and has malpractice insurance.

• For three, four, or five authors of a source, use all authors in the first instance and “et al.” in any following instances.

Example:
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Psychologists have an ethical duty to be competent in working with populations they help, but most graduate training programs continue to teach theories and practices based on Eurocentric models (Chae, Foley, & Chae, 2006). Although multicultural training is now a requirement for graduate programs, there are no explicit standards in training (Chae et al., 2006).

- Separate multiple references in citation with a semi-colon and list alphabetically.

**Example:**
Three studies (Chen & Bernstein, 2000; Ladany et al., 2001; Spelliscy, 2007) demonstrate that a clinical supervisor’s interpersonal style predicts the supervisory alliance.

- If the author of the work is unknown, use all or part of the title in the citation.

**Example:**
In an interfaith marriage, external challenges may vary according to the degree to which tolerance and pluralism are valued by society, the socioeconomic position of the group represented by each partner, and cultural and ethnic patterns (“Interfaith,” 2007).

- If date is unknown, use “n.d.”
- When paraphrasing, APA does not require a page number.