



Guide to APA 7th Edition References

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General Guidance for In-text Citations

The APA citation system uses the *Author, Date* citation style. Most citations begin with the last names of the authors or the authoring organization, followed by the year of publication. Past tense reporting verbs are generally favored by APA style (see Sections 4.13 and 4.14).

Direct quotes and paraphrases should also include the page number to help the reader locate the information. For phrases quoted from websites or other sources without page numbers, provide readers with another way to locate the passage, such as paragraph numbers, heading names, or other identifiers. For more information, see Section 8.28.

Multiple Authors

The rules for naming multiple authors have been revised for the *APA 7th edition*. For one or two authors, list all author names each time you refer to them. For three or more authors, list the first author’s name followed by the phrase “et al.” every time. See Section 8.17 for more information.

Author type	Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation
One author	(Luna, 2020)	Luna (2020) concluded...
Two authors	(Salas & D’Agostino, 2020)	Salas and D’Agostino (2020) concluded...
Three or more authors	(Martin et al., 2020)	Martin et al. (2020) concluded...
Group author with abbreviation	First citation: (National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2020) Subsequent citations: (NIMH, 2020)	First citation: National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH, 2020) concluded... Subsequent citations: NIMH (2020) concluded...
Group author without abbreviation	(University of Washington, 2020)	University of Washington (2020) concluded...

Citing Multiple Works Parenthetically

Arrange multiple works alphabetically within parentheses (see Section 8.12). This organization reflects the citation order in your references list.

(Adams et al., 2019; Shumway & Shulman, 2015; Westinghouse, 2017)

Citing Secondary Sources

A *secondary source* refers to content first reported elsewhere, often in a primary source. When citing a secondary source, provide the primary source and its year (if known), then write “as cited in,” followed by the secondary source. In the references list, provide an entry for the secondary source (see Section 8.6).

(Rabbitt, 1982, as cited in Lyon et al., 2014)

Works with the Same Author and Same Date

If you are citing multiple works by the same authors published in the same year, include a lowercase letter (e.g., *a*) after the year (see Sections 8.19 and 9.47). Reference list citations must also include the letters after the year.

(Judge & Kammeyer-Mueller, 2012a; Judge & Kammeyer-Mueller, 2012b)

Templates

APA now includes generic templates for types of sources, many of which are reproduced below. If you cannot find a specific example of your source in this handout or in the APA manual, use the generic template of the type of source for guidance in creating your citation. APA editors also answer citation questions on their searchable blog, <https://apastyle.apa.org.blog>.

Source	Reference examples	For more info
Periodicals	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (date). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical</i> , 34(2), 5-14. DOI or URL	APA Manual, Section 10.1
Journal article with DOI	McCauley, S. M., & Christiansen, M. H. (2019). Language learning as language use: A cross-linguistic model of child language development. <i>Psychological Review</i> , 126(1), 1-51. https://doi.org/10.1037/rev0000126	p. 317
Journal article without DOI	Ahmann, E., Tuttle, L. J., Saviet, M., & Wright, S. D. (2018). A descriptive review of ADHD coaching research: Implications for college students. <i>Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability</i> , 31(1), 17-39. https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/publications/jped/archived-jped/jped-volume-31	p. 317
Magazine or newspaper	Print:	p. 317, p. 320

article without DOI	Goldman, C. (2018, November 28). The complicated calibration of love, especially in adoption. <i>Chicago Tribune</i> . Online: Guarino, B. (2017, December 4). How will humanity react to alien life? Psychologists have some predictions. <i>The Washington Post</i> . https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking_of_science/wp/2017/12/04	
Blog post	Klymsowsky, M. (2018, September 15). Can we talk scientifically about free will? <i>Sci-Ed</i> . https://blogs.plos.org/scied/2018/09/15/can-we-talk-scientifically-about-free-will/	p. 320
Comment on an online article or post	KS in NJ. (2019, January 15). From this article, it sounds like men are figuring out something that women have known forever. I know of many [Comment on the article “How workout buddies can help stave off loneliness”]. <i>The Washington Post</i> . https://wapo.st/2HDTogJ	p. 320
Books, book chapters, and reference entries	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year). <i>Title of book</i> (2 nd ed., E. E. Editor, Ed.). Publisher Name. DOI or URL [if given]. Author, A. A. (year). Title of chapter. In E. E. Editor (Ed.), <i>Title of book</i> (pp. 3-12). Publisher Name. DOI or URL [if given].	Sections 10.2 and 10.3
Authored book without DOI (most printed books)	Burgess, R. (2019). <i>Rethinking global health: Frameworks of power</i> . Routledge. **For more on edited, translated, republished, and other types of books, see Section 10.2.	p. 321
Edited book	Meadows, D. H. (2008). <i>Thinking in systems: A primer</i> (D. Wright, Ed.). Chelsea Green Publishing. Pridham, K. F., Limbo, R., & Schroeder, M. (Eds.). (2018). <i>Guided participation in pediatric nursing practice</i> . Springer Publishing Company. http://a.co/0IAiVgt	p. 322
Book chapter	Weinstock, R., Leong, G. B., & Silva, J. A. (2003). Defining forensic psychiatry: Roles and responsibilities. In R. Rosner (Ed.), <i>Principles and practice of forensic psychiatry</i> (2 nd ed., pp. 7-13). CRC Press.	p. 326
Work in an anthology	Lewin, K. (1999). Group decision and social change. In M. Gold (Ed.), <i>The complete social scientist: A Kurt Lewin reader</i> (pp. 265-284). American Psychological Association.	p. 328
Diagnostic manual	American Psychiatric Association. (2013). <i>Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders</i> (5 th ed.). https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.books/9780890425596	p. 324
Entry in a dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia	Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Self-report. In <i>Merriam-Webster.com dictionary</i> . Retrieved July 12, 2019, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/self-report	pp. 328-329

	List of oldest companies. (2019, January 13). In <i>Wikipedia</i> . https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_oldest_companies&oldid	
Reports and gray literature	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (date). <i>Title of report</i> (Report No. 123). Publisher name. DOI or URL Name of Group. (date). <i>Title of gray literature</i> [Description]. Publisher name. DOI or URL	Section 10.4
Report by a government agency or organization	National Cancer Institute. (2018). <i>Facing forward: Life after cancer treatment</i> (NIH Publication No. 18-2424). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/life-after-treatment.pdf Fried, D., & Polyakova, A. (2018). <i>Democratic defense against disinformation</i> . Atlantic Council. https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/publications/imagesDefense_Against_Information/pdf	pp. 329-330
Policy brief	Harwell, M. (2018). <i>Don't expect too much: The limited usefulness of common SES measures and a prescription for change</i> [Policy brief]. National Education Policy Center. https://nepc.colorado.edu/publications/SES	p. 331
Conference presentations	Presenter, A. A., & Presenter, B. B. (year, month days). <i>Title of contribution</i> [Type of contribution]. Conference Name, Location. DOI or URL	Section 10.5
Poster presentation	Pearson, J. (2018, September 27-30). <i>Fat talk and its effects of state-based body image in women</i> [Poster presentation]. Australian Psychological Society Congress, Sydney, NSW, Australia. http://bit.ly/2XGStHp	p. 333
Paper presentation	Maddox, S., Hurling, J., Stewart, E., & Edwards, A. (2016, March 30-April 2). <i>If mama ain't happy, nobody's happy: The effect of parental depression on mood dysregulation in children</i> [Paper presentation]. Southeastern Psychological Association 62 nd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, United States.	p. 332
Data sets and tests	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. OR Name of Group. (year or year range). <i>Title of data set</i> (Version #) [Data set OR Unpublished raw data]. Publisher Name or Source. DOI or URL	Section 10.9
Data set	National Center for Education Statistics. (2016). <i>Fast Response Survey System (FRSS): Teachers' use of educational technology in U.S. public schools, 2009</i> (ICPSR 35531; Version V3) [Data set and code book]. National Archive of Data on Arts and Culture. https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR35531.v3	p. 338
Online content and media and artistic works	Author, A. A. (Role, if necessary). (date). <i>Title of work</i> (season or episode number, if applicable) [description of media]. Production company, museum, or platform.	Sections 10.12, 10.13, 10.14, and

	URL	10.15
Film or video	Forman, M. (Director). (1975). <i>One flew over the cuckoo's nest</i> [Film]. United Artists.	pp. 342-43
TV series episode or webisode	Barris, K. (Writer & Director). (2017, January 11). Lemons (Season 3, Episode 12) [TV series episode]. In K. Barris, J. Groff, A. Anderson, E. B. Dobbins, L. Fishburne, & H. Sugland (Executive Producers), <i>Black-ish</i> . Wilmore Films; Artists First; Cinema Gypsy Productions; ABC Studios.	p. 343
Streaming video	University of Oxford. (2018, December 6). <i>How do geckos walk on water?</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qm1xGfOZJc8 **The person or group who uploaded the video is credited as the author for retrievability, even if they did not create the work.	p. 344
Podcast episode	Glass, I. (Host). (2011, August 12). Amusement park (No. 443) [Audio podcast episode]. In <i>This American life</i> . WBEZ Chicago. https://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/443/amusement-park	p. 345
Artwork on a museum website	Wood, G. (1930). <i>American gothic</i> [Painting]. Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, United States. https://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/artwork/6565	p. 346
Infographic	Rossmann, J., & Palmer, R. (2015). <i>Sorting through our space junk</i> [Infographic]. World Science Festival. https://www.worldsciencefestival.com/2015/11/space-junk-infographic/	p. 346
Map	Cable, D. (2013). <i>The racial dot map</i> [Map]. University of Virginia, Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. https://demographics.coopercenter.org/Racial-Dot-Map	p. 347
Photograph	McCurry, S. (1985). <i>Afgan girl</i> [Photograph]. National Geographic. https://www.nationageographic.com/magazine/national-geographic-magazine-50-years-of-covers/#/ngm_1985-jun-714.jpg	p. 347
Tweet	Badlands National Park [@BadlandsNPS]. (2018, February 26). <i>Biologists have identified more than 400 different plant species growing in @BadlandsNPS #DYK #biodiversity</i> [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/BadlandsNPS/status/968196500412133379	p. 348
Facebook post	National Institute of Mental Health. (2018, November 28). <i>Suicide affects all ages, genders, races, and ethnicities. Check out these 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain</i> [Infographic]. Facebook. http://bit.ly/321Qstq	p. 349
Online forum post	National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]. (2018, September 12). <i>I'm NASA astronaut Scott Tingle. Ask me anything about adjusting to being back on Earth after my first spaceflight!</i> [Online forum post]. Reddit.	p. 350

	https://www.reddit.com/r/IAMa/comments/9fagqy/im_nasa_astronaut_scott_tingle_ask_me_anything/	
Webpages and websites	Author, A. A. OR Name of Group. (date). <i>Title of work</i> . Site name. URL	10.16
Webpage on a news website	Amramova, N. (2019, January 3). <i>The secret to a long, happy, healthy life? Think age-positive</i> . CNN. https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/03/health/respect-toward-elderly-leads-to-life-intl/index.html	p. 351
Webpages on an organizational website	World Health Organization. (2018, March). <i>Questions and answers on immunization and vaccine safety</i> . https://www.who.int/features/qa/84/en/	p. 351
Statutes (Laws and Acts)	Name of Act, Title Source § Section Number (Year). URL **Consult APA Section 11.5 and the <i>Bluebook</i> for further instruction. **To type the § symbol, hold down Alt and type 0167.	Section 11.5
Federal statute	Every Student Succeeds Act, 20 U.S.C. § 6301 (2015). https://www.congress.gov/114/plaws/publ95/PLAW-114publ95.pdf	pp. 362-63
Personal communications	Works that cannot be recovered by readers, including emails, personal interviews, and classroom lectures without an external repository, are cited in the text as <i>personal communications</i> and not included in the reference list. S. Source (personal communication, date)	Section 8.9
Personal communication cited in text	T. Nguyen (personal communication, August 8, 2019) (T. Nguyen, personal communication, August 8, 2019)	p. 260
Course material	If the course material you're citing comes from a resource that your audience will have access to (e.g., a course Canvas site that your readers can access), provide the name of the site and its URL. If your audience will not have access to that resource, cite the course material as a personal communication (see the section above).	Sections 8.9 and 10.14
Lecture notes	Canan, E., & Vasilev, J. (2019, May 22). [Lecture notes on resource allocation.] Department of Management Control and Information Systems, University of Chile. https://uchilefau.academia.edu/ElseZCanan	p. 347
Lecture slides	Mack, R., & Spake, G. (2018). <i>Citing open source images and formatting references for presentations</i> [PowerPoint slides]. Canvas@FNU. https://fnu.onelogin.com/login	p. 347