APA Style Guide

5th edition

The APA style, as presented in this handout, is widely accepted in the Social Sciences. The American Psychological Association (APA) citation format requires parenthetical citations within the text rather than endnotes or footnotes. Complete information about each source cited in the text is supplied in a list called "References" found at the end of the research paper. For exact detailed information you will need to consult the 5th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

Parenthetical Citations: Parenthetical citation in the text provides information, usually the name of the author and the date of publication, to lead the reader to the accompanying bibliographical entry. Complete information about each source cited in the text is supplied in "References," placed at the end of the research paper.

Author and Date Cited in Text (No Parenthetical Citation Necessary)
In a 1989 article, Gould explores some of Darwin's most effective metaphors.

Author Not Cited in Text
As metaphors for the workings of nature, Darwin used the tangled bank, the tree of life, and the face of nature (Gould, 1989).

Author Cited in Text
Gould (1989) attributes Darwin's success to his gift for making the appropriate metaphor.

Direct Quotation with Name of Author
Gould (1989) explains that Darwin used the metaphor of the tree of life "to express the other form of interconnectedness–genealogical rather than ecological–and to illustrate both success and failure in the history of life" (p. 14).

Direct Quotation without Name of Author
Darwin used the metaphor of the tree of life "to express the other form of interconnectedness–genealogical rather than ecological" (Gould, 1989, p. 14).

For each of the above five sample sentences the correct "References" APA style format would be:

FAQ: Quoting references that cite other works
To cite secondary sources, refer to both sources in the text, but include in the References list only the source that you actually used. For instance, suppose you read Feist (1998) and would like to paraphrase the following sentence within that book: Bandura (1989) defined self-efficacy as "people's beliefs about their capabilities to exercise control over events that affect their lives" (p. 1175). In this case, your in-text citation would be "(Bandura, 1989, as cited in Feist, 1998)." Feist (1998) would be fully referenced within the list of References. Bandura (1989) would not be listed. For more information on citing secondary sources, see Example 22 on p. 247 of the Publication Manual. Remember to use the examples in this handout to cite and reference your quote correctly.

References:

For space reasons the format of the citations listed below are not in the specified format for the APA style. APA style requires double space throughout the document (e.g., title page, text, references). Alphabetize the list by author's last name. If there is no author given, start with the first significant word in the the title. In titles, capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle, and proper names. In addition References should be in a hanging indent format, meaning that the first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented. For example:


*Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research, 45*(2), 10-36.

Journal Articles (print):


**One Author**

**Two to Six Authors**

*NOTE: Include the issue number in parentheses without italics following the volume number only if each issue is paginated separately, i.e., the pagination begins fresh with each issue. If all issues within a single volume are paginated continuously, do not include the issue number.*
Six or More Authors

Magazine Article

Review of a Book

Daily Newspaper Article, No Author
New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (2001, August 3). *The Washington Post*, p. A12. *If the article had more than one page but not continuous then the citation would be "pp. A12, A14."*

Entire Issue or Special Section

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Books and Reports

Format: Author, A. A. (year). Title of work. Location: Publisher.

Book

Corporate Author as publisher

Anonymous Author

Chapter in a Book
ERIC Document

Government Report

Television Broadcast

Online Articles

Full-Text Article Retrieved from an Aggregated Database (NOTE: Full Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) are usually not given with aggregated databases since they often do not function in subsequent online sessions; instead, use database name.)


Article from Public Domain, E-journal and/or Nonaggregate Database NOTE: Full URLs are given with public domain e-journals, and/or non-aggregate databases where the URL will function in subsequent online sessions to retrieve the same article. There is no period at the end of a reference citation ending with a URL.


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**Online Documents**

Format: Author, A. A. (Yr,date). Title of work. Retrieved month day, year, from source

**Online Document**


*NOTE: Break a URL that goes to another line after a slash or before a period. Do not insert, or allow your word-processing program to insert, a hyphen at the break.*

**No Author Identified, No Date**


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**Abbreviations**: For use in your reference list:

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**Can't find the right rule?** If you do not find a rule in this guide to fit the specific citation situation you are working on, you need to consult the 5th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Copies are available at all dictionary stands on all 4 floors, in Reference (BF 76.7 P83 2001), and in the Reserve Book Room for a 2 hour check out period. Reference citations rules are in Chapter Four, pages 215 through 281. **Use pages 232 through 239 as an index to examples in this chapter.**

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