



# APA STYLE GUIDE

based on the 5th edition including  
*APA Style Guide to Electronic References* (June 2007)

American Psychological Association (APA) style is widely used in the Social Sciences. This brief guide shows the formats for the most common resources you'll be using. For more information consult the 5th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* located on 2North Reference and in Dictionary Stands on all floors: BF 76.7 .P83 2001. Effective June 2007, section 4.16 of the 5th edition of the *Publication Manual* was revised and updated. See *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* for further information, shelved in multiple locations with the *Publication Manual*: BF 76.7 .P833 2007

## New Rules for electronic sources: DOI and persistent links

The Digital Object Identifier (DOI or doi) is a registered code that is used as a link to the article. Many recent articles will have a DOI in the database record. Use the DOI in your list of references. For articles without a DOI, look for a "persistent link" url for your article and cite it as "Retrieved from <url>". Since DOI numbers and persistent links are complex, copy and paste them into the reference. To reference electronic articles without a DOI or persistent link, give the url for the article, journal, or database. Include the date retrieved only if the article is likely to change, such as "in press" or preprints.

## Journal references

### Journal article format

Print

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume (issue), pages.

Electronic

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume (issue), pages. doi: unique identifier

### Examples

<b>1 author</b> print	Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. <i>Psychological Bulletin</i> , 126(6), 910-924.
<b>1 author</b> electronic: persistent link	Mellers, B. A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. <i>Psychological Bulletin</i> , 126(6), 910-924. Retrieved from <a href="http://proxy.lib.csus.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=pdh&amp;AN=bul-126-6-910&amp;site=ehost-live">http://proxy.lib.csus.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=pdh&amp;AN=bul-126-6-910&amp;site=ehost-live</a>
<b>2 - 6 authors</b> print	Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the Hiring Process in Organizations. <i>Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research</i> , 45(2), 10-36.

<b>2 - 6 authors</b> electronic: doi	Jacobson, J. W., Mulick, J. A., & Schwartz, A. A. (1995). A history of facilitated communication: Science, pseudoscience, and antiscience. <i>American Psychologist</i> , 50(9), 750-765. doi: 10.1037/0003-066X.50.9.750
<b>More than 6 authors</b> print	Wolchik, S. A., West, S. G., Sandler, I. N., Tein, J., Coatsworth, D., Lengua, L., et al. (2000). An experimental evaluation of theory-based mother and mother-child programs for children of divorce. <i>Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology</i> , 68(5), 843-856.
<b>No author given</b> print	Smiles all round. (2006, November 23). <i>Nature</i> , 444, 401-402.
<b>No author given</b> electronic: doi	Smiles all round. (2006, November 23). <i>Nature</i> , 444, 401-402. doi: 10.1038/444401b
<b>Magazine article</b> print	Rodgers, J. (2006, July). Extreme psychology. <i>Psychology Today</i> , 39(4), 86-93.
<b>Magazine article</b> electronic: persistent link url	Rodgers, J. (2006, July). Extreme psychology. <i>Psychology Today</i> , 39(4), 86-93. Retrieved from <a href="http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=aph&amp;AN=21334792&amp;site=ehost-live">http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=aph&amp;AN=21334792&amp;site=ehost-live</a>
<b>Book review</b> print	Dunn, D. S. & Bennett, T. W. (2007). Steering the elephant in search of happiness. [Review of the book <i>The happiness hypothesis: Finding modern truths in ancient wisdom</i> ]. <i>Journal of Social &amp; Clinical Psychology</i> , 26(1), 134-136.
<b>Book review:</b> electronic: persistent link url	Dunn, D. S. & Bennett, T. W. (2007). Steering the elephant in search of happiness [Review of the book <i>The happiness hypothesis: Finding modern truths in ancient wisdom</i> ]. <i>Journal of Social &amp; Clinical Psychology</i> , 26(1), 134-136. Retrieved from <a href="http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=aph&amp;AN=24489272&amp;site=ehost-live">http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=aph&amp;AN=24489272&amp;site=ehost-live</a>
<b>Newspaper, no author</b> print	Cold 'comfort'. (2007, May 31). <i>Wall Street Journal – Eastern edition</i> , p. A14.
	Note: use p. or pp. before page number. If the article had more than one page, not continuous, the citation would be 'pp. A12, A14.'
<b>Newspaper, no author</b> electronic: persistent link url	Cold 'comfort'. (2007, May 31). <i>Wall Street Journal – Eastern edition</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1279827141&amp;sid=5&amp;Fmt=3&amp;clientId=17934&amp;RQT=309&amp;VName=PQD">http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1279827141&amp;sid=5&amp;Fmt=3&amp;clientId=17934&amp;RQT=309&amp;VName=PQD</a>
<b>Letter to the Editor</b>	Miller, D. N. (2007, April). The repute of happiness. <i>Harper's Magazine</i> , 314, 10.
<b>Entire Issue</b> print	Berry, J. M. & Jobe, J. B. (Eds.). (2002). At the intersection of personality and adult development [Special issue]. <i>Journal of Research in Personality</i> , 36 (4).

<b>Article in press</b> electronic: doi	Brereton, F., Clinch, J. P., & Ferreira, S. (2007). Happiness, geography and the environment. <i>Ecological Economics</i> . Advance online publication. Retrieved October 24, 2007. doi:10.1016/j.ecolecon.2007.07.008
	Note: since the article is “in press” and has not been formatted with page numbers, the reference is not the final version at this time. Include the date retrieved.

## Book and Report References

### Books and reports format

### Print

Author, A. A. & Author, B. B. (year). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

### Electronic

Author, A. A. & Author, B. B. (year). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher. Available (or Retrieved) from

Note: use ‘Retrieved from’ when the url leads to the material; use ‘Available from’ when the url leads to information on obtaining the material.

### Examples

<b>Book</b> print	Dworkin, R. W. (2006). <i>Artificial happiness : The dark side of the new happy class</i> . New York: Carroll & Graf.
<b>Book</b> electronic: persistent link url	Levine, M. (2000). <i>The positive psychology of Buddhism and yoga: Paths to a mature happiness : With a special application to handling anger</i> . Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Publishers. Retrieved from <a href="http://www.netlibrary.com">http://www.netlibrary.com</a>
<b>Edited Book</b> print	Ruiz, V. L. & Sánchez Korrol, V. (Eds.). (2006). <i>Latinas in the United States: A historical encyclopedia</i> . Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
<b>Corporate Author as publisher</b> print	American Psychological Association. (2001). <i>Publication manual of the American Psychological Association</i> (5 <sup>th</sup> ed.). Washington, DC: Author.
<b>No author given</b> print	<i>Guidelines and application form for directors, 1990 summer seminar for school teachers</i> . (1988). Washington, DC: National Endowment for the Humanities.
<b>Book chapter</b> print	Massaro, D. (1992). Broadening the domain of the fuzzy logical model of perception. In H. L. Pick Jr., P. van den Broek & D.C. Knill (Eds.), <i>Cognition: Conceptual and methodological issues</i> (pp. 51-84). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
	Note: editors not in the author position at the beginning of the reference are listed with their initials first, before their last names.

<b>Thesis or dissertation</b> print	Christensen, C. (1987). <i>Emotional expression and observational social learning</i> (Master's thesis, California State University, Sacramento)
<b>Thesis or dissertation</b> electronic	Chavez, D. M. (2007). <i>Emotions: An experimental study on increasing positive emotions</i> . Retrieved from ProQuest Digital Dissertations. (AAT 3263154)
	Note: use 'Retrieved from <url>' if a thesis or dissertation was retrieved from an institutional or personal web site.
<b>ERIC document</b> print	Marsh, L., Snow, P., & National Park Service. (2002). <i>Teaching with historic places: The emerald necklace: Boston's green connection</i> . Washington, DC: National Park Service. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED468216).
<b>ERIC document</b> electronic: persistent url	Marsh, L., Snow, P., & National Park Service. (2002). <i>Teaching with historic places: The emerald necklace: Boston's green connection</i> . Washington, DC: National Park Service. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED468216). Retrieved from <a href="http://proxy.lib.csus.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=eric&amp;AN=ED468216&amp;site=ehost-live">http://proxy.lib.csus.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=eric&amp;AN=ED468216&amp;site=ehost-live</a>
<b>Government report</b> print	National Institute of Mental Health. (1990). Clinical training in serious mental illness (DHHS Publication No. ADM 90-1679). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.
<b>Government report</b> electronic: persistent url	United States. Department of Justice. (n.d.). <i>Addressing police misconduct: Laws enforced by the United States Department of Justice</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/cor/Pubs/polmis.txt">http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/cor/Pubs/polmis.txt</a>
<b>Online document</b> electronic: persistent link	NAACP. (n.d.). <i>Juvenile justice fact sheet</i> . Retrieved December 11, 2007, from <a href="http://www.naacp.org/advocacy/research/facts/Juvenile%20Justice.pdf">http://www.naacp.org/advocacy/research/facts/Juvenile%20Justice.pdf</a>
<b>Online document</b> electronic: persistent link	ACLU. (2007, November 29). <i>FBI Improperly Using Patriot Act Surveillance Powers, ACLU Charges</i> . Retrieved from <a href="http://www.aclu.org/safefree/nationalsecurityletters/32904prs20071129.html">http://www.aclu.org/safefree/nationalsecurityletters/32904prs20071129.html</a>

## Reference page format

according to the *Publication Manual* (section 5.18):

- Begin your list of references on a new page, headed with the word “References” centered at the top. Use “Reference” if there is only one.
- Alphabetize the list by author's last name. If no author is given, start with the first significant word in the title.
- For article titles, capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle, and proper names.
- For periodical titles, capitalize all significant words.
- For books, capitalize the first word of the title and subtitle, and proper names.
- References are to be in a hanging indent format, meaning that the first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented. (In Microsoft Word, choose Format, Paragraph, Indents and Spacing, Indentation: Special - hanging, Spacing: Line spacing - Double.)
- Double space the entire document.

## Reference citations in text

As you write your paper, briefly note the author and date of research that you mention. Enough information is needed to identify the correct source in the References list at the end of your paper. If the reference has no author, cite the first few words of the reference list title.

### Author(s) and Date Cited in Text (no reference necessary)

In a 1989 article, Gould explores some of Darwin's most effective metaphors.

Multiple authors (5 or less)

According to Gibbs, Gould and Andric (2005-2006), people learn to make sense of metaphors having specific meanings.

### Author(s) 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).

Multiple authors (5 or less)

People learn to make sense of metaphors having specific meanings (Gibbs, Gould & Andric, 2005-2006).

### 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 some samples above the correct "References" APA style format would be:

Gould, S. J. (1989). The wheel of fortune and the wedge of progress. <i>Natural History</i> , 89(3), 14-21.
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### References that cite other works

To cite secondary sources, refer to both sources in the text. 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 from 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).

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 in Section 4.16 of the *Publication Manual*.

### Links

#### Finding a DOI:

- [DOI lookup at CrossRef](http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/)  
http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/
- Cut and paste a citation into [CrossRef Simple Text Query](http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/):  
http://www.crossref.org/SimpleTextQuery/
- [Use a DOI to see the article](http://www.doi.org/): http://www.doi.org/

#### Other APA style guides and helpful pages:

[Citing Sources \(Trinity University\)](http://lib.trinity.edu/research/citing/index_new.shtml): <http://lib.trinity.edu/research/citing/index\_new.shtml>

[Citing Electronic Sources \(Trinity University\)](http://lib.trinity.edu/research/citing/APAelectronicresources.pdf) :

<http://lib.trinity.edu/research/citing/APAelectronicresources.pdf>

[APA Online: Electronic Media and URLs](http://www.apastyle.org/electmedia.html) <http://www.apastyle.org/electmedia.html>

[APA FAQ](http://www.apastyle.org/faqs.html) <http://www.apastyle.org/faqs.html>

[APA Style Reference Formats](http://www.nmu.edu/library/apastyle.htm) < http://www.nmu.edu/library/apastyle.htm>

[CSUS APA Style Guide](http://library.csus.edu/guides/rogenmoserd/general/apa.html) <http://library.csus.edu/guides/rogenmoserd/general/apa.html>

[Publication Manual, Fifth Edition Reprint Corrections](http://www.apastyle.org/pubman-reprint.pdf)

<http://www.apastyle.org/pubman-reprint.pdf>

[KnightCite Citation Service](http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/index.php) <http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/index.php>

[Citation Style Guides for Internet and Electronic Sources \(University of Alberta\)](http://www.library.ualberta.ca/guides/citation/index.cfm#APA)

<http://www.library.ualberta.ca/guides/citation/index.cfm#APA>

[Research and Documentation](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/): http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/