IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations allow the reader to connect your specific references to the claims and quotes within your paper. What you include in your in-text citation will vary based on the type of source.

Short Quotations
When directly quoting from a work, include the author, year of publication, and the page number (p. #) for the reference.

According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style," but she did not offer an explanation as to why (Jones, 1998, p. 199).

Long Quotations
Direct quotations longer than 40 words should go in a free-standing block of text without quotation marks. Start the quotation on a new line, indented five spaces from the left margin maintaining double space. The parenthetical citation should come after the closing punctuation mark.

Jones's (1998) study found the following:
Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time citing sources. This difficulty could be attributed to the fact that many students failed to purchase a style manual or to ask their teacher for help. (p. 199)

Summarizing or Paraphrasing
When paraphrasing an idea from another work, you only have to make reference to the author and year of publication in your in-text reference. APA guidelines encourage you to provide the page number, though it is not required.

According to Jones (1998), APA style can be a difficult citation format for first-time learners, so it is important to consult the proper resources to ensure accuracy.
EXAMPLES OF REFERENCES PAGE ENTRIES

The Reference page lists the bibliographic information for all the sources that you cited in your paper. These examples follow the instructions outlined in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th ed. This handout contains examples of the most commonly used types of sources used in the social sciences.

- The references list should begin on a new page titled “References” (with no quotation marks, underlining, etc.), centered at the top of the page. It should be double-spaced just like the rest of your paper.
- Reference list entries should be alphabetized by the first word of each entry.
- Use initials for authors' first and middle names.
- If your reference extends past the first line, every line after should have a hanging indent; the equivalent of one tab space.
- Italicize the main title (of a book, journal, etc).
- Capitalize the first letter of the first word in the title and subtitle.

Pay careful attention to the content and format of each entry below; APA has very specific guidelines regarding punctuation and capitalization.

Article in Journals Paginated by Volume


Article in a Magazine

Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

Article from Online Periodical Provide retrieval date only if information is subject to change (as in blogs and wikis).

Article from a Database

Newspaper Article
Blog and Video Blog Entries

Books

Edited Book, No Author

Encyclopedia Entry

Government Document

Review of a Book

Online Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

Secondary Source: this is a source that discusses or includes information that was originally discussed somewhere else.
For example, you are reading Vivar’s article, which cites Katzman. If you did not read Katzman’s work, but did include the Katzman information in your paper, that information is included in the in-text citation. For example, “Katzman asserts that nurses have assumed more decision-making power (as cited in Vivar, 2006).” Then list the Vivar article in your Reference List because that is the work you actually read.


Interviews, Email, and Other Personal Communication are not included in your reference list; instead, parenthetically cite the communicator’s name, the fact that it was personal communication, and the date of the communication in your main text only.
FORMATTING REFERENCE ENTRIES BASED ON NUMBER OF AUTHORS

The format of your reference entries will vary based on the number of authors. Apply the guidelines below to your entries as necessary.

**Sources with One Author:** List the last name first, followed by author initials.


**Sources with Two Authors:** Use the ampersand (&) instead of "and."


**Three to Seven Authors:** Commas separate author names.


**More than Seven Authors:**


**Sources with Two Works by Same Author:** If you have more than one article by the same author, list in order by the year of publication, starting with the earliest. If the years of publication are also the same, differentiate by including a letter with the year, as follows:
