

APA Style Guide



General Notes

- Authors: Put last name first, followed by a comma, followed by initials (when known). If seven authors or fewer, list them all. If eight or more, list six, an ellipsis, a comma, and then the final author. 6.27
- Titles: Use sentence case (capitalize the first word of titles and subtitles; also proper names) for titles of articles, chapters, and books. Use title case (capitalize all major words) for periodicals. Titles of books and periodicals are *italicized*. 6.29
- Publishers: "Give the name of the publisher in as brief a form as is intelligible. ... (O)mit superfluous terms, such as *Publishers, Co.,* and *Inc.* Retain the words *Books* and *Press*" (APA, 2010, p. 187).
- If a DOI is available, including it is recommended. 6.31
- Issue number: If each issue of a periodical starts at page 1, include the issue number. If continuous pagination, omit it. 7.01
- p. & pp.: Use before page numbers for chapters of books, articles from newspapers, and articles from other periodicals that don't use volume numbers. 7.01, 7.02, and <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/page-numbers.aspx>

Internet and Electronic Sources

Journal Article from a Library Database (i.e. ProQuest, Academic Search Premier, etc.) APA 6th Ed.: 6.32, 7.01

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Article title. <i>Journal title, Volume(issue), Page Numbers.</i> doi:xx.xxxxxxxx Author(s). (Date). Article title. <i>Journal title, Volume(issue), Page Numbers.</i> Retrieved from http://journalwebsiteURL Author(s). (Date). Article title. <i>Journal title, Volume(issue), Page Numbers.</i>
<i>Examples</i>	Lever, A. (2009). Liberalism, democracy, and the ethics of voting. <i>Politics, 29</i> , 223-227. doi:10.1111/j.1467-9256.2009.01359 Fidler, J., West, R., Van Jaarsveld, C., Jarvis, M., & Wardle, J. (2007). Does smoking in adolescence affect body mass index, waist or height? Findings from a longitudinal study. <i>Addiction, 102</i> , 1493-1501. Retrieved from http://www.addictionjournal.org VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates. <i>Journal of Bibliographic Research, 5</i> , 117-123.

Note: In general, treat as if you accessed the article in print. If no DOI is assigned to the article, APA recommends searching for and including the URL of the journal's website (or that of the journal's publisher), and stating [Retrieved from <http://journalwebsite>] even if you did not retrieve the article from that site. Neither DOI nor URL is absolutely required.
Note: Only include an issue number if each issue of the periodical begins with page number 1.

Article from a Web Periodical, No DOI (not from a database)

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Title of article. <i>Title of Periodical, Volume(Issue), Page Numbers.</i> Retrieved from http://websiteURL
<i>Examples</i>	Lathe, R. (2009). Microwave electromagnetic radiation and autism. <i>E-Journal of Applied Psychology, 5(1)</i> , 11-30. Retrieved from http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au

Note: If a DOI is assigned, provide it instead of the website URL.

Website with No Author or Date

<http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/cite-website.aspx>

Use in-text citation only—listing in References is not necessary.

Example: "For questions about APA style, many questions can be answered on the APA Style website (<http://www.apastyle.org>)."

Page from a Web Site

7.01.11 and <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/web-page-no-author.aspx>

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). <i>Title of work.</i> Retrieved from http://webpageURL Title. (Date). Retrieved Date, from http://webpageURL
<i>Examples</i>	Jones, R. B. (1999, January 10). <i>Magnesium and lactation in dairy cattle.</i> Retrieved from http://www.dairycattle.com/elements/ New child vaccine gets funding boost. (2001). Retrieved March 21, 2001, from http://news.ninensn.com.au/health/story_13178.asp

Note: If no date for the page content is listed, put "n.d." Include retrieval dates only if text may potentially change over time.

Note: If no author, start the reference with the title of the page.

Document Available on a University Program or Department Web Site

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). <i>Title of work</i> . Retrieved from Agency or institution name website: http://webpageURL
<i>Examples</i>	Chou, L., McClintock, R., Moretti, F., & Nix, D. H. (1993). <i>Technology and education: New wine in new bottles: Choosing pasts and imagining educational futures</i> . Retrieved from Columbia University, Institute for Learning Technologies website: http://www.ilt.columbia.edu/publications/papers/newwine1.html

Note: Except in cases where the publishing agency is noted as the author, identify the host organization and department in the retrieval statement. The web address is preceded by a colon.

Online Book, and Electronic Version of Print Book

7.02.19-24

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). <i>Title</i> . Retrieved from http://webURL Author(s). (Date). <i>Title</i> [version information]. Retrieved from web address or database name
<i>Examples</i>	Reilly, J. K. (n.d.). <i>The perennial apocalypse</i> . Retrieved from http://www.onlineoriginals.com/showitem.asp?itemID=238 Tapscott, D., Lowy, A., & Ticoll, D. (2000). <i>Digital capital: Harnessing the power of business webs</i> [eBook version]. Retrieved from http://www.netlibrary.com

Chapter/Section of an Online Book with DOI

7.02.24

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Title of article. In <i>Title of book</i> . doi:xx.xxxxxxxxxx
<i>Examples</i>	Strong, E. K., Jr., & Uhrbrock, R. S. (1923). Bibliography on job analysis. In L. Outhwaite (Series Ed.), <i>Personnel Research Series: Vol. 1. Job analysis and the curriculum</i> (pp. 140-146). doi:10.1037/10762-000

Note: If web content is assigned a DOI, give the DOI as shown in the example. If no DOI, do provide a web address.

Online Government Publication

7.03.31-34

<i>Format</i>	Government Agency. (Date). <i>Title</i> . Retrieved from web address
<i>Examples</i>	United States Sentencing Commission. (n.d.). <i>1997 sourcebook of federal sentencing statistics</i> . Retrieved from http://www.ussc.gov/annrpt/1997/sbtoc97.htm

Note: If the document has been assigned an identification number by the agency, include the number after the title, enclosed in parentheses.

Email/Personal Communication6.20 and <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/cite-individual-email.aspx>

"Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list. Cite personal communications in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide as exact a date as possible."

Example of in-text citation: T.K. Lutes (personal communication, April 18, 2001)

Blog Posting

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Title of post [Format note]. Retrieved from web address
<i>Examples</i>	Gravelly, S. (2007, June 12). Re: Letter writing for small businesses [Web log post]. Retrieved from http://www.writinghelptools.com/blog/

Print Sources

Book

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). <i>Title</i> . Place of Publication: Publisher.
<i>Examples</i>	Arnheim, R. (1971). <i>Art and visual perception</i> . Berkeley, CA: University of California Press. Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). <i>APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication</i> . Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. Miller, P. H., & Scholnick, E. K. (Eds.). (2000). <i>Toward a feminist developmental psychology</i> . New York: Routledge.

Note: List all authors up to seven names. If more than seven authors, see section 7.01.2 in the Publication Manual.

Chapter in a Book

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<i>Format</i>	Chapter Author(s). (Date). Chapter title. In Editors (Eds.), <i>Book Title</i> (pp. Chapter page numbers). Place of Publication: Publisher
<i>Examples</i>	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: If there are no editors, include the word "In" before the book title.

Note: For chapter in a volume in a series, list the series editor first and the volume editor second.

Reprint of Article as a Book Chapter

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Chapter title. In Editor (Eds.), <i>Title of book</i> . (Edition, Volume, pp. Chapter Page Numbers). Place of Publication: Publisher. (Reprinted from <i>Journal Title, Volume</i> (Number), page numbers, Date)
<i>Examples</i>	Safe, S. H. (2001). Environmental and dietary estrogens and human health: Is there a problem? In T. D. Goldfarb (Ed.), <i>Taking sides: Clashing views on controversial environmental issues</i> . (pp. 201-209). Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin. (Reprinted from <i>Environmental Health Perspectives, 103</i> , 346-51, 1995)

Note: For the periodical citation portion, only include an issue number if each issue of the periodical begins with page number 1.

Article in a Reference Book

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Article title. In Editor (Eds.), <i>Title of dictionary or encyclopedia</i> . (Edition, Volume, pp. Page Numbers). Place of Publication: Publisher.
<i>Examples</i>	Bergmann, P. G. (1993). Relativity. In <i>The new encyclopedia Britannica</i> (15th ed., Vol. 26, pp. 501-508). Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica. Symbolism. (1993). In <i>Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary</i> (10th ed., p.1116). Springfield, MA: MerriamWebster. Tower, C. B. (1998). Bannock. In S. Malinowski, & A. Sheets (Eds.), <i>The Gale encyclopedia of Native American tribes</i> (Vol. 2, pp. 7-11). Detroit, MI: Gale.

Note: If there is no author, the title moves to the author position, and the entry is alphabetized by the first significant word of the title.

Journal Article

7.01.3

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Article title. <i>Periodical title, Volume</i> (Issue number), Page numbers.
<i>Examples</i>	Harlow, H. F. (1983). Fundamentals for preparing psychology journal articles. <i>Journal of Psychology, 55</i> , 893-896.

Note: If the journal uses continuous pagination, list only the volume number, (e.g. *International Education, 14* ...) If each issue of the journal begins on page 1, however, list the issue number after the volume, (e.g. *Mosaic, 19*(3)...) For multiple authors, list all authors up to 7 names. If more than 7 authors, see section 7.01.2 in the APA Publication Manual.

Note: If a DOI has been assigned to the article, APA recommends including it at the end of the citation.

Magazine Article

7.01.7 and <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/page-numbers.aspx>

<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Article title. <i>Periodical title, Volume</i> (Issue number, if available), Page numbers.
<i>Examples</i>	During, N. (2009, September-October). The unknown knows: Nesrin During finds much to contemplate in Petra Wolfe's organic-based objects. <i>Ceramic Review</i> , pp. 52-55. Kauffmann, S. (1993, October 18). Stanley Kauffman on films. <i>The New Republic, 209</i> (16), 30-31. Line, L. (2009, November-December). Buying time. <i>Audubon, 111</i> (6), 54-60, 65.

Note: If the magazine is published monthly, then list the year and then the month - e.g. (1999, May).

Note: If the magazine does not include volume numbers, precede the article's page numbers with p. or pp.

Newspaper Article

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<i>Format</i>	Author(s). (Date). Article title. <i>Newspaper title</i> , Page numbers.
<i>Examples</i>	Monson, M. (1993, September 16). Urbana firm obstacle to office project. <i>The Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette</i> , pp. 1, 8. O'Hagan, M. (2009, November 23). Crusading from court to Congress. <i>The Seattle Times</i> , pp. A1, A4.

Government Publication

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<i>Format</i>	Government Agency. (Date). <i>Title</i> (Report number). Place of Publication: Publisher.
<i>Examples</i>	National Institute of Mental Health. (1990). <i>Clinical training in serious mental illness</i> (DHHS Publication No. ADM 90-1679). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Media Sources

Motion Pictures and other non-broadcast Audio-Visual material

7.07, 7.07.49

<i>Format</i>	Contributor(s) (Person's Role). (Date). <i>Title</i> [Medium]. Location of Distributor: Distributor.
<i>Examples</i>	David, L., Bender, L., & Burns, S. Z. (Producers), & Guggenheim, D. (Director). (2006). <i>An inconvenient truth</i> [Motion Picture]. United States: Paramount Classics. Elsanhour, T. (Writer, Producer, Director). (2005). <i>All about Darfur</i> [DVD]. Available from http://newsreel.org

Television Series/Episode

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<i>Format</i>	Producer(s). (Producer). (Year, Month Day of Broadcast). <i>Title of show</i> [Television broadcast]. Location of Broadcasting Company: Broadcasting Company. Writer(s) (Writer), & Director(s) (Director). (Date). Episode title [Television series episode]. In Exec. Producer(s) (Executive producer), <i>Series title</i> . Location of Studio: Studio.
<i>Examples</i>	Crystal, L. [Executive Producer]. (1993, October 11). <i>The MacNeil/Lehrer news hour</i> [Television broadcast]. New York and Washington, DC: Public Broadcasting Service. Mehlman, P. (Writer), Franklyn, J. (Writer), & Ackerman, A. (Director). (1997). The Yadda Yadda [Television series episode]. In J. Seinfeld, G. Shapiro, & H. West (Executive Producers), <i>Seinfeld</i> . U.S.: Castle Rock Entertainment.

Podcast or Sound Clip Posted to an Internet Site

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<i>Format</i>	Contributor(s). (Contributor's Role). (Date). Series Title if applicable. <i>Title of recording</i> . [Medium if applicable]. Location of Distributor: Distributor.
<i>Examples</i>	Bell, T. (Writer), & Phillips, T. (Writer and Producer). (2008, May 6). A super solar flare [Audio podcast episode]. In <i>Science @ NASA Feature Stories Podcast</i> . Retrieved from http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.htm

Videoclip Posted to an Internet Site (i.e. YouTube)

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<i>Format</i>	Contributor(s). (Contributor's Role). (Date). Video title [Video file]. Retrieved from web address
<i>Examples</i>	University of Chicago. (2007, December 12). European cartographers and the Ottoman world, 1500--1750 [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xax5d4IKqrQ

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Example of in-text citation: T.K. Lutes (personal communication, April 18, 2001)

Reference Citation in Text

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In the text of your paper you must document the source from which you are quoting or paraphrasing. When paraphrasing, cite the author and date of the work. For quotations, cite the author, date and page number (use paragraph numbers for electronic text). This enables the reader to locate in your reference list the source you used. Note that if a work has no author, you must use the title for the in-text citation. There are two basic methods for in-text citations:

Integrating the author's name into the sentence: Walker (2000) compared reaction times . . .

Including the author's name in a parenthetical citation: In a recent study of reaction times (Walker, 2000) . . .

Integrating the author's name and the source's date: In Walker's study from 2000, reaction times ...

For works with 2 authors:

Always list both authors' surnames every time you refer to that work. *NOTE: When there are two authors **and** is used in the text; **&** is used in the parenthetical citation.*

Examples:

as Nightlinger and Littlewood (1993) demonstrated . . .

as has been shown (Nightlinger & Littlewood, 1989) . . .

For works with 3-5 Authors:

List all the authors' surnames the first time you refer to the work. After that, list only the surname of the first author followed by **et al.**

Examples:

First occurrence:

Eley, Lichenstein, and Stevenson (1999) studied differences in . . .

Second occurrence:

Eley et al. (1999) found that . . .

For works with 6 or more authors:

List only the surname of the first author and **et al.** (unless there are two authors with the same last name). *(see example above)*

Source:

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Examples provided by:

APA Online <http://www.apastyle.org/electsource.html>

Diana Hacker <http://www.dianahacker.com>

Glendale Community College's APA Style Guides <http://www.glendale.edu/library/research/APAelec.pdf>

The Online Writing Lab at Purdue http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html

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