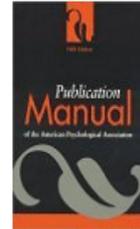




APA Format–5th Edition

OVERVIEW–The American Psychological Association (APA) style, as presented in this handout, is widely accepted in the Social Sciences and Education. The APA citation format requires parenthetical citations within the text rather than endnotes or footnotes. Citations in the text provide brief information, usually the name of the author and the date of publication, to lead the reader to the source of information in the reference list at the end of the paper.



Please note that although the examples in this guide are shown in single space, APA style requires double spacing throughout the document (e.g., title page, text, references, etc.)

APA RULES FOR THE REFERENCE LIST – The following four sections show some of the more commonly used APA citation rules.

Please note that all citations must be in the hanging indent format with the first line flush to the left margin and all other lines indented. Single spaces are placed after all punctuation (periods, commas, colons, semicolons) in a reference citation and at the end of sentences in the text.

JOURNALS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, ETC. – The following are examples of reference citations for **print-format** articles published in journals, magazines, newspapers, and other periodicals:

General Form – Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, Etc. [Published in Print Format]

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (1999). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, xx, xxx-xxx.

Please note that the journal title and the volume number are in italics.

One Author

Paivio, A. (1975). Perceptual comparisons through the mind's eye. *Memory & Cognition*, 3, 635-647.

Two to Six Authors + Journal Paginated by Issue

Klimoski, R., & Palmer, S. (1993). The ADA and the hiring process in organizations. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, 45(2), 10-36.

(NOTE: Only use the issue number if each issue of the journal starts with page one. If the issues in the volume are paged continuously, do not use the issue number).

Six or More Authors

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. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 68, 843-856.

Magazine Article

Henry, W. A., III. (1990, April 9). Beyond the melting pot. *Time*, 135, 28-31.

Review of a Book

Carmody, T. P. (1982). A new look at medicine from the social perspective [Review of the book *Social contexts of health, illness, and patient care*]. *Contemporary Psychology*, 27, 208-209.

Daily Newspaper Article + No Author + Discontinuous Pages

Generic Prozac debuts. (2001, August 3). *The Washington Post*, pp. E1, E4.

Newspaper Editorial

Stress, cops and suicide [Editorial]. (1993, December 1). *New York Times*, p. A22.

Editor + Entire Issue or Special Section

Barlow, D. H. (Ed.). (1991). Diagnoses, dimensions, and DSM-IV: The science of classification [Special issue]. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 100(3).

BOOKS, REPORTS, AV MEDIA, ETC. – Below are examples of reference citations for [printed] sources published separately as books, reports, etc., and for audiovisual media:

General Form – Books, Reports [Published in Print Format], AV Media, Etc.

Author, A. A. (1999). Title of work. Location: Publisher.

By a Single Author

Nagel, P. C. (1992). *The Lees of Virginia: Seven generations of an American family*. New York: Oxford University Press.

By a Corporate Author + Published by Author + Edition

American Psychiatric Association. (1994). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

By Anonymous Author

Guidelines and application form for directors, 1990 summer seminar for school teachers. (1988). Washington, DC: National Endowment for the Humanities.

Chapter in a Book

Burghardt, G. M. (1984). On the origins of play. In P. K. Smith (Ed.), *Play in animals and humans* (pp. 5-42). Oxford, England: Basil Blackwell.

ERIC Document

Mead, J. V. (1992). *Looking at old photographs: Investigating the teacher tales that novice teachers bring with them* (Report No. NCRTL-RTR-92-4). East Lansing, MI: National Center for Research on Teaching Learning. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED346082)

Report + Government Printing Office (GPO)

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.

Videotape

National Geographic Society (Producer). (1987). *In the shadow of Vesuvius*. [Videotape]. Washington, DC: Author.

ONLINE JOURNALS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, ETC. – The following are examples of reference citations for journal, magazine or newspaper articles retrieved from online databases (e.g., EBSCOHost Academic Search Premier, ABI/INFORM, JSTOR, etc.) and from other electronic sources.

NOTE: APA protocols for citing electronic information are evolving. For the latest information on APA style, please consult the official APA Web site <http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>.

General Form – Articles from Online Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, Etc.

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (1999). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, xx, xxx-xxx. Retrieved month day, year, from database name.

Full-Text Article Retrieved from an Online Database

(NOTE: Full URL (Uniform Resource Locator, [the web address that usually starts with http://]), is usually **not** given when the source is an online database since they often do not function in subsequent online sessions; instead, **use the full database name**.)

Senior, B. (1997). Team roles and team performance: Is there really a link? *Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology*, 70, 241-258. Retrieved June 6, 2005, from EBSCOhost Business Source Premier database.

Dykeman, B. F. (1994). The effects of motivational orientation, self-efficacy, and feedback condition on test anxiety. *Journal of Instructional Psychology*, 21(2), 114-120. Retrieved June 4, 2005, from EBSCOHost Academic Search Premier database.

Garza, A. (1999, March 17). Siesta put to rest: Mexican tradition under siege. *Boston Globe*, p. A2. Retrieved June 3, 2005, from ProQuest Newsstand database.

Stevenson, W., Maton, K. I., & Teti, D. M. (1999). Social support, relationship quality, and well-being among pregnant adolescents. *Journal of Adolescence*, 22(1), 109-121. Retrieved July 29, 2005, from Elsevier Science Direct database.

Article from E-journal website

(Please note that the Full URL is given with e-journal websites 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.)

Lodewijkx, H. F. M. (2001, May 23). Individual-group continuity in cooperation and competition under varying communication conditions. *Current Issues in Social Psychology*, 6 (12), 166-182. Retrieved August 19, 2005, from <http://www.uiowa.edu/~grpproc/crisp/crisp.6.12.htm>

Ray, O. (2004). How the mind hurts and heals the body. *American Psychologist* 59, 29-40. Retrieved August 19, 2005, from <http://www.apa.org/journals/releases/amp59129.pdf>

(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. Right Click on the URL and remove the hyperlink, in order to eliminate the blue type of the link.)

ONLINE DOCUMENTS – Below are examples of reference citations for online documents not published in journals, magazines or newspapers. These are retrieved from websites, Internet newsgroups, e-mail-based discussion groups, etc.

General Form – Online Documents

Author, A. A. (1999). Title of work. Retrieved month day, year, from web address

Stand-alone Online Document

NAACP (2005, April 29). *NAACP supports Congressional fight to end predatory lending*. Retrieved August 19, 2005, from http://www.naacp.org/inc/docs/washington/109/109_aa-2005-04-28.pdf

Stand-alone Online Document + No Author Identified + No Date

GVU's 10th WWW user survey. (n.d.). Retrieved August 19, 2005, from http://www.gvu.gatech.edu/user_surveys/survey-1998-10/

Web Sites in Parenthetical Citations: To cite an entire Web site (but not a specific document within the site), it is sufficient to give the URL of the site in the text. **No entry in the reference list is needed.**

For example:

Kidpsych is an excellent Web site for young children (<http://www.kidpsych.org>).

Email Communications: Email communications should be cited as personal communications in the text. For example, an email communication from Jean Phinney would be cited in the text as follows:

This information was verified a few days later (J. S. Phinney, personal communication, June 5, 1999).

No entry in the reference list is needed.

ABBREVIATIONS – These are approved abbreviations for use in reference lists:

chap.	Chapter	ed.	edition
Rev. ed.	revised edition	2nd ed.	second edition
Ed. (Eds)	Editor (Editors)	Trans.	Translated by
n.d.	no date	p. (pp.)	page (pages)
Vol.	Volume (as in Vol. 3)	vols.	volumes (as in 10 vols.)
No.	Number	Pt.	Part
Suppl.	Supplement	Tech. Rep.	Technical Report

REFERENCE CITATIONS IN TEXT– APA utilizes a system of brief referencing in the text of a paper, whether one is paraphrasing or providing a direct quotation from another author’s work. Citations in the text usually consist of the name of the author(s) and the date of publication. The complete citation would appear in the alphabetical References list at the end of the paper. Below are examples of paraphrasing another’s work:

Parenthetical Citation

As metaphors for the workings of nature, Darwin used the tangled bank, the tree of life, and the face of nature (Gould, 1989).

Author As Part of the Narrative

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

Author and Date As Part of the Narrative (acceptable but not preferred)

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

Direct Quotations – Always provide the author, year and specific page of the quote.
Below are two applications of correct APA style:

Direct Quotation with Parenthetical Citation

Darwin used the metaphor of the tree of life "to express the other form of interconnectedness-genealogical rather than ecological" (Gould, 1989, p. 14).

Direct Quotation with Name of Author in the Text

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).

Each of the above five sample sentences above would lead readers of a correctly formatted APA style paper to this complete citation in the References list at the end of the paper:

Gould, S. J. (1989). The wheel of fortune and the wedge of progress. *Natural History*, 89(3), 14-21.

CITING SECONDARY SOURCES -- When citing a work discussed in a secondary source, give the secondary source in the reference list at the end of the paper. In the example below, the study by Seidenberg and McClelland was mentioned in an article by Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller.

Seidenberg and McClelland's study (as cited in Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller, 1993)

In the reference list, you would cite the secondary source you read, not the original study.

Coltheart, M., Curtis, B., Atkins, P., & Haller, M. (1993). Models of reading aloud: Dual-route and parallel-distributed-processing approaches. *Psychological Review*, 100, 589-608.

CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT RULE?

If you do not find a rule in this guide to fit the specific citation you have, please consult the **Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5th edition**, which is, available at the Reference and Reserve desks (**BF76.7 P83 2001**). Reference citations rules are in Chapter Four. **Use pages 232 through 239 as an index to examples in this chapter.** The number after each index entry refers to example numbers found on pages 239 through 281.