

APA Style Guide

Information

The American Psychological Association (APA) has developed guidelines for the written presentation of research. The complete rules appear in the [Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association](#) (shelved in the Reference Section and at the Information Desk). Examples of types of commonly cited works appear below. Please check with your instructor for more specific information.

General Information

- Use a separate page for your reference list.
- Use 12 point Times Roman or Courier type. (Examples here are in a smaller typeface to save space.)
- Arrange citations alphabetically by author's last name.
- Double space within all entries. (Citations are shown here single spaced to save space.)
- Use hanging indents. See [APA Publication Manual](#), page 176 for instructions.

Standard Arrangement for Citations

- Author's/Editor's name: Last name, First name, Middle initial.
 - If there is no author listed, use the first word of the title other than *the* or *and*.
- Book title: *Italicize* or underline title and subtitle. Be consistent.
- Book chapter: put chapter title in quotation marks (" "). Underline or *italicize* title of book only.
- Periodicals: periodical title underlined or *italicized*.
- Capitalize the first word of titles and subtitles and proper nouns.
- Publication information: copyright date, place of publication (city) and publisher.

Citing Sources in Text

APA uses the author-date system for citations in the text of your paper. These refer the reader to the Reference List at the end of the paper. Below are examples of in-text citations:

- Viviano sees advantages in this line of defense (1995). (Only one work by Viviano is cited in this paper)
- Native people's have little to lose by adopting these practices (Johnson, 1994). (More than one work by Johnson is cited in this paper)
- Buddhist organizations have taken a somewhat different approach (Johnson, 1994a). (More than one work by Johnson with a copyright date of 1994 is cited in this paper)

Reference List

The Reference List appears at the end of your paper and should include only the sources used in the research and preparation of the paper. Each reference in the Reference List should be directly cited in the text. Detailed information on preparing a Reference List can be found in [The Publication Manual of the APA](#). See chapter 4 for detailed information on how to cite different types of materials, and see chapter 5.18 for detailed information on formatting the Reference List.

Examples of Correct Citations for Books, Book Chapters and Entries in Anthologies:

Book with a single author:

Wilson, F. R. (1998). *The Hand: How its use shapes the brain, language and human culture*. New York: Pantheon.

Book with two or more authors:

Eggins, S., and Slade, D. (1997). *Analyzing casual conversation*. London: Cassell.

Individual chapter in a book:

Beard, M. (1989). Gun control does not violate the Constitution. In W. Dudley (Ed.), *Crime and Criminals: Opposing Viewpoints*. (pp. 202-231). San Diego: Greenhaven Press.

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Examples of Correct Citations for Encyclopedias:

Entry with a named author:

Calabrese, R.L. (2000). Alienation. In *Encyclopedia of psychology*. (Vol. 1, pp.116-118). New York: Oxford University Press.

Entry without a named author:

Egoism. (1998). In *The New encyclopedia Britannica: Micropedia*. (Vol. 4, pp. 388-90). Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica.

Examples of Correct Citations for Periodical Articles:

A periodical is a publication that appears regularly at a fixed interval, such as a newspaper, a magazine or a scholarly journal. A periodical citation has four main parts: Author name. Date. "Title of article." Publication information.

Example:

Craner, P. (1991). "New tool for an ancient art: The Computer and music." *Computers and the Humanities*. 25, 303-13.

Examples of Correct Citations for Newspaper Articles:

Names of newspapers should be properly capitalized and underlined or italicized. Use p. or pp. before single or multiple page numbers respectively. Separate discontinuous pages with a comma. For example, the article below started on page 30, continued on page 32.

Entry with a named author (signed):

Camile, A. (1984, March 27). Deciding who gets dibs on healthcare dollars. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. 30, 32.

Entry without a named author (unsigned):

U. N. agency eyes health center here. (1985, August 24). *Nashville Banner*, p. A6.

Examples of Correct Citations for Films and Videorecordings:

Scorsese, M. (Producer) & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). *You can count on me*. [Motion Picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.

Examples of Correct Citations for Online Sources:

Citing online sources can be confusing. Refer to the APA web page listed below for details on citing various electronic sources including e-mail, web pages, and database articles. Following are some examples:

Web Page or Report on a Web Page:

Blair, D. G. (2005, March 19). *Human Capital Survey*. Retrieved from February 6, 2006, from <http://www.opm.gov/speeches/2005/DGB-May19.asp>

Chapter or section on a Web Page:

National Sleep Foundation. (2000). Influencing Physiological Sleep Patterns. In *Adolescent Sleep Needs and Patterns: Research Report and Resource Guide* (Part 1). Retrieved from http://www.sleepfoundation.org/_content/hottopics/sleep_and_teens_report1.pdf

Entry from an electronic database:

Schneiderman, R. A. (1977). Librarians can make sense of the net. *San Antonio Business Journal*, 11 (31), pp. 58+. Retrieved January 27, 1999 from EBSCO database (Masterfile) <<http://www.ebsco.com>>

Entry from a newspaper (electronic version):

Sleek, S. (1996, January). Psychologists build a culture of peace. *APA Monitor*. pp. 1, 33. Retrieved January 25, 1996, from <<http://www.apa.org/monitor/peacea.html>>

Web Resources for Citation Styles

Help on using the APA style is available from a number of websites.

Links are available from the LRC Resources Research Help web page:

<<http://www.jefferson.kctcs.edu/divisions/libraries/dt/research.php>>. Other good sites to try:

Online! Citation Styles <<http://www.bedfordstmartins.com/online/citex.html>>

APA Style web site "Electronic References" <<http://www.apastyle.org/eleceref.html>>

University of Iowa. Guide to Citation Style Guides <<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/journalism/cite.html>>