

APA 7 citations and references guide

Citations

Examples of different types of in-text citation. (Author-date (APA)).

1. Parenthetical and Narrative citation

In a parenthetical citation, the **author's name appears in parentheses along** with the rest of the information. In a narrative citation, the **author's name appears as part of your sentence**, not in parentheses.

Parenthetical citation:	The treatment proved highly effective (Smith, 2018, p. 11).
Narrative citation:	Smith states that the treatment was highly effective (2018, p. 11).

Maddugoda's (2023)

Weber-Wulff et al.'s (2023)

Multiple authors and corporate authors

The in-text citation changes slightly when a source has multiple authors or an organization as an author. Pay attention to **punctuation** and the **use of the ampersand (&) symbol**.

Author type	Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation
One author	(Smith, 2020)	Smith (2020)
Two authors	(Smith & Jones, 2020)	Smith and Jones (2020)
Three or more authors	(Smith et al., 2020)	Smith et al. (2020)
Organization	(Scribbr, 2020)	Scribbr (2020)

Missing information

When the author, publication date or locator is unknown, take the steps outlined below.

Missing element/Information	What to do	Parenthetical citation
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Author	Use the source title.*	(<i>Source Title</i> , 2020)
Date	Write "n.d." for "no date".	(Smith, n.d.)
Page number	Either use an alternative locator or omit the page number.	(Smith, 2020, Chapter 3) or (Smith, 2020)

2. Quote with APA Style in-text citation

Quoting means including the original author's words directly in your text, usually introduced by a signal phrase. Quotes **should always be cited** (and indicated with quotation marks), and you should include a page number/ page numbers indicating where in the source the quote can be found.

Single page number	Evolution is a gradual process that "can act only by very short and slow steps" (Darwin, 1859, p. 510).
Multiple page numbers	Evolution is a gradual process that "can act only by very short and slow steps.... Thus.." (Darwin, 1859, pp. 510-514).
Quotes with paraphrasing	The evolutionary process consists of a series of incremental changes over a long period of time (Darwin, 1859, p. 510).

3. Personal Communication

Provide the person's initials and last name, the words "personal communication," and the date of the communication in parentheses:

- (F. Jefferson, personal communication, January 18, 2019)

4. Press Release

- (American Psychological Association, 2020)

References

- ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Reference examples

Citing a source starts with choosing the correct reference format.

Pay close attention to **punctuation, capitalisation, and italicisation.**

Journal Articles

- Journal (1 author, DOI, italicization of Journal name and volume)

Andreff, W. (2000). The evolving European model of professional sports finance. *Journal of Sports Economics*, 1(3), 257–276. <https://doi.org/10.1177/152700250000100304>

- Journal (2 authors, DOI, italicization of Journal name and volume)

Andreff, W., & Staudohar, P. D. (2000). The evolving European model of professional sports finance. *Journal of Sports Economics*, 1(3), 257-276. <https://doi.org/10.1177/152700250000100304>

- Journal (3 + authors, DOI, italicization of Journal name and volume)

Andreff, W., Staudohar, P. D., & Streefkerk, R. (2000). The evolving European model of professional sports finance. *Journal of Sports Economics*, 1(3), 257-276. <https://doi.org/10.1177/152700250000100304>

- Journal with more than twenty authors

List by last names and initials; commas separate author names. After the first 19 authors' names, use an ellipsis in place of the remaining author names. Then, end with the final author's name (do not place an ampersand before it). There should be no more than twenty names in the citation in total.

Pegion, K., Kirtman, B. P., Becker, E., Collins, D. C., LaJoie, E., Burgman, R., Bell, R., DelSole, R., Min, D., Zhu, Y., Li, W., Sinsky, E., Guan, H., Gottschalck, J., Metzger, E. J., Barton, N. P., Achuthavarier, D., Marshak, J., Koster, R., . . . Kim, H. (2019). The subseasonal experiment (SubX): A multimodel subseasonal prediction experiment. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 100(10), 2043-2061. <https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1>

- Same author, multiple publications

If you cite multiple sources by the same author(s) at the same point, you can just write the author name(s) once and separate the different years with commas, e.g., (Smith, 2020, 2021).

To distinguish between sources with the same author(s) and the same publication year, add a different lowercase letter after the year for each source, e.g., (Smith, 2020, 2021a, 2021b). Add the same letters to the corresponding reference entries.

Books

- Book (second edition, 1 author, no locator, italicisation on title)

Smith, T. (2020). *The citation manual for students: A quick guide* (2nd ed.). Wiley.

- Book (no edition, 3 authors, DOI, italicisation on title)

Smith, T., Williams, B. M., & Streefkerk, R. (2020). *The citation manual for students: A quick guide*. Wiley. <https://doi.org/10.1000/182>

Aron, L., Botella, M., & Lubart, T. (2019). Culinary arts: Talent and their development. In R. F. Subotnik, P. Olszewski-Kubilius, & F. C. Worrell (Eds.), *The psychology of high performance: Developing human potential into domain-specific talent* (pp. 345–359). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000120-016>

- Book that is part of a multivolume set will have a volume number in the reference.

Abbreviate the word Volume as Vol. and Volumes as Vols. followed by the Arabic volume number. The volume number follows the title of the book and comes after the edition statement (when there is one), it is enclosed in parentheses.

Scott, L. (2011). *Parental nutrition. Clinical nutrition* (2nd ed., Vol. 3)....

- Chapter in an Edited Book

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of chapter. In C. C. Editor & D. D. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (xx ed., Vol. xx, pp. xxx–xxx). Location: Publisher.

- Authored Book

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book* (xx ed., Vol. xx). Location: Publisher.

- Edited Book

Editor, E. E. (Ed.). (Year). *Title of book* (xx ed., Vol. xx). Location: Publisher.

Supplement

- A **supplement** to a particular issue of a journal. Add the abbreviation “Suppl.” after the issue number to indicate you are referencing the supplement to this issue. The relevant page numbers have S in front of them (for supplement).

Example:

Bill, C., & Ahn, J. (2015). Integrating emergency care with population health. *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 16(4.1, Suppl.), S14-S16.

- A supplement to a volume of a journal not associated with a specific issue. In this case, simply put in the volume number and then “Suppl.” followed by the number of the supplement.

Example:

Rogers, J. W., Kinner, R. L., & Weis, V. (2013). The architecture of the gravitational lens. *Astronomical Journal*, 16(Suppl. 2), 170-192.

Conference Paper (similar to book)

- Author name, initials. (Year). Paper title. In Editor initials. Last name (Ed.), *Book title* (pp. Page range). Publisher. DOI or URL

Shareef, M., Ojo, A., & Janowski, T. (2010). Exploring digital divide in the Maldives. In J. Berleur, M. D. Hercheui, & L. M. Hilty (Eds.), *What kind of information society? Governance, virtuality, surveillance, sustainability, resilience* (pp. 51–63). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-15479-9_5

Talau, F. G. (2023). Dissonance in generative AI use among student writers: How should curriculum managers respond? In *The 5th International Conference of Biospheric Harmony Advanced Research (ICOBAR 2023)* (Vol. 426, p. 01058). EDP Sciences. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1051/e3sconf/202342601058>

Dissertation/Thesis

- Author last name, Initials. (Year). *Dissertation title* [Type of dissertation/thesis, University Name]. Database Name.

Ford, L. (2015). *The use of experiential acceptance in psychotherapy with emerging adults* [Doctoral dissertation, Pepperdine University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

Webpage

- 1 author, no date, italicisation on title

Slat, B. (n.d.). *Whales likely impacted by Great Pacific garbage patch*. The Ocean Cleanup. <https://www.theoceancleanup.com/updates/whales-likely-impacted-by-great-pacific-garbage-patch/>

- 2 authors, full date, italicisation on title

Slat, B., & Worp, C. (2019, April 10). *Whales likely impacted by Great Pacific garbage patch*. The Ocean Cleanup. <https://www.theoceancleanup.com/updates/whales-likely-impacted-by-great-pacific-garbage-patch/>

- 3 + authors, Year, italicisation on title

Slat, B., Worp, C., & Holierhoek, L. (2019). *Whales likely impacted by Great Pacific garbage patch*. The Ocean Cleanup. <https://www.theoceancleanup.com/updates/whales-likely-impacted-by-great-pacific-garbage-patch/>

Newspaper

- 1 author, no date, url, italicisation on the newspaper name

Popkin, G. (n.d.). Global warming could unlock carbon from tropical soil. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/12/climate/tropical-soils-climate-change.html>

- 2 authors, full date, url, italicisation on the newspaper name

Popkin, G., & Draper, K. (2020, August 12). Global warming could unlock carbon from tropical soil. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/12/climate/tropical-soils-climate-change.html>

- 3 authors, year, url, italicisation on the newspaper name

Popkin, G., Draper, K., & Weed, J. (2020). Global warming could unlock carbon from tropical soil. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/12/climate/tropical-soils-climate-change.html>

Press Release

- Organisation Name. (Year Month Day). *Press release title* [Press release]. URL

American Psychological Association. (2020, November 17). *Psychologists report large increase in demand for anxiety, depression treatment* [Press release]. <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2020/11/anxiety-depression-treatment>

Supplement

Rogers, J. W., Kinner, R. L., & Weis, V. (2013). The architecture of the gravitational lens. *Astronomical Journal*, 16(Suppl. 2), 170-192.

OR

Bill, C., & Ahn, J. (2015). Integrating emergency care with population health. *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 16(4.1, Suppl.), S14-S16.

Article

Kim, S. R. (2022). Viral infection and airway epithelial immunity in asthma. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*, 23(17), Article 9914. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms23179914>

Conference presentation

- Provide the names of the presenters in the author element of the reference.
- Provide the full dates of the conference in the date element of the reference.
- Describe the presentation in square brackets after the title. The description is flexible (e.g., “[Conference session],” “[Paper presentation],” “[Poster session],” “[Keynote address]”).
- Provide the name of the conference or meeting and its location in the source element of the reference.
- If a video of the conference presentation is available, include a link at the end of the reference.
- To cite only the abstract of a conference presentation, include the word “abstract” as part of the bracketed description (e.g., “[Conference presentation abstract]”).

Examples:

Talae, F. G. (2023). Dissonance in generative AI use among student writers: How should curriculum managers respond? In *The 5th International Conference of Biospheric Harmony Advanced Research (ICOBAR 2023)* (Vol. 426, p. 01058). EDP Sciences.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1051/e3sconf/202342601058>

Evans, A. C., Jr., Garbarino, J., Bocanegra, E., Kinscherff, R. T., & Márquez-Greene, N. (2019, August 8–

11). *Gun violence: An event on the power of community* [Conference presentation]. APA 2019 Convention, Chicago, IL, United States. <https://convention.apa.org/2019-video> [Conference session], “[Paper presentation],” “[Poster session],” “[Keynote address]”

Conference proceedings published in a journal

Duckworth, A. L., Quirk, A., Gallop, R., Hoyle, R. H., Kelly, D. R., & Matthews, M. D. (2019). Cognitive and noncognitive predictors of success. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA*, 116(47), 23499–23504. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1910510116>

* Conference proceedings published in a journal follow the same format as journal articles.

Conference proceedings published as a whole book

Kushilevitz, E., & Malkin, T. (Eds.). (2016). *Lecture notes in computer science: Vol. 9562. Theory of cryptography*. Springer. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-49096-9>

* Conference proceedings published as a whole book follow the same reference format as whole edited books.

Conference proceedings published as a book chapter

Bedeneil, A.-L., Jourdan, L., & Biernacki, C. (2019). Probability estimation by an adapted genetic algorithm in web insurance. In R. Battiti, M. Brunato, I. Kotsireas, & P. Pardalos (Eds.), *Lecture notes in computer science: Vol. 11353. Learning and intelligent optimization* (pp. 225–240). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-05348-2_21

*** The format for conference proceedings published as an edited book chapter is the same as for edited book chapters.**

Book Review

- Book Review From Library Database (No Title)

Author of Review's Last Name, First Initial. (Year of Publication). [Review of the book *Title of Book*:

Subtitle if Any, by Book Author's First Initial. Second Initial if Given Last Name]. *Name of Journal*, *Volume Number*(*Issue Number*), first page number-last page number. <https://doi.org/DOI-number> (if given)

Works Cited List Example	McKinley, A. (2018). [Review of the book <i>Criminal investigative failures</i> , by D. K. Rossmo]. <i>Salus Journal</i> , 6(1), 82-84.
In-Text Citation Example	(Author's Last Name, Year of Publication, Page Number) Example: (McKinley, 2018, p. 83)

- Book Review from a Website (with Title)

Author of Review's Last Name, First Initial. (Year of Publication). Title of Review. [Review of the

book *Title of Book: Subtitle if Any*, by Book Author's First Initial. Second Initial if Given Last Name]. *Title of Website*, URL

Works Cited List Example	Bell, M. S. (2006, December 31). Are you my mother? [Review of the book <i>Let the northern lights erase your name</i> , by V. Vida]. <i>The New York Times Book Review</i> , https://www.nytimes.com/2006/12/31/books/review/Bell.t.html?ref-review
In-Text Citation Example	(Author's Last Name, Year of Publication) Example: (Bell, 2018)

Translated Works

Foucault, M. (2008). The birth of biopolitics (G. Burchell, Trans.). In M. Senellart (Ed.), *Lectures at the Collège de France 1978- 1979*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Article Number

Jerrentrup, A., Mueller, T., Glowalla, U., Herder, M., Henrichs, N., Neubauer, A., & Schaefer, J. R. (2018). Teaching medicine with the help of “Dr. House.” *PLoS ONE*, *13*(3), Article e0193972. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0193972>

Follow these instructions to set up your APA reference page:

- Place the section label “References” in bold at the top of the page (centered).
- Order the references alphabetically.
- Double-space all text.

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