

A-Z Quick Guide to APA

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This guide is intended to provide selected examples of in-text and reference page citations. The examples are formatted using recommendations from the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (APA). All reference page entries should be alphabetical, double-spaced, and have a hanging indent.

In-text Citations Basics

In-text citations should include the author's last name and year of publication for the source. If you are using a quotation, the page number(s) should be included in your citation.

In-text Citations

One author	Holmes (2010) argued ... (p. 15). (Holmes, 2012, p. 15).
Two authors	Wallace and Wray (2006) demonstrated ... (pp. 77-78). (Wallace & Wray, 2006, pp. 77-78).
Three to five authors (first citation)	Flippo, Becker, and Wark (2009) illustrated ... (p.253). (Flippo, Becker, & Wark, 2009, p. 253).
Three to five authors (subsequent citations)	Flippo et al. (2009) discussed ... (p. 254). (Flippo et al., 2009, p. 254).
Six or more authors	Lyakh et al. (2016) recommended ... (p. 174). (Lyakh et al., 2016, p. 174).
Without author and page number	“Internet Charmed by a Small Band of Women” (2017) described ... (para. 3). (“Internet charmed,” 2017, para. 3). <i>Note:</i> Cite the title of the source in the signal phrase or use the first word or two of the title in the parentheses. The titles of books and reports are italicized. Titles of web pages, chapters, and articles are in quotation marks. <i>Note:</i> When quoting directly and sources are missing page numbers, you should refer to the paragraph number.

Without author and date	<p>“Feminism” (n.d.) is defined as ... (“Feminism,” n.d.)</p> <p><i>Note:</i> When there is no author or date given, use the title in your signal phrase or the first word or two of the title in the parentheses and use the abbreviation “n.d.” (for “no date”).</p>
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Reference List Basics

After the main body of your text, your references should be placed on a separate page. This page should be labeled as “References.” “References” should be centred at the top of this page. Do not bold, italic, underline or use quotation marks for the title. All references should include:

- author name or names
- year of publication
- title of the work
- publication information

These references should be arranged using alphabetical order, and structured using hanging indentation. Also, your references should be double-spaced. Every source cited in your text should be included in the reference list. Similarly, every entry in your reference list must be cited in your text. Remember: your reference list provides the necessary information for the reader to locate any work cited in your text.

Specific Reference List Examples

Referencing a book

Electronic version of a print book	Gorski, G. J., & Packer, J. E. (2015). <i>The Roman forum: A reconstruction and architectural guide</i> . Retrieved from http://www.ebooks.com/1981067/the-roman-forum/gorski-gilbert-j-packer-james-e/
Print	Holmes, B. (2012). <i>Gender: Antiquity and its legacy</i> . New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
Print, two authors	Wallace, M., & Wray, A. (2006). <i>Critical reading and writing for postgraduates</i> . London, England: SAGE Publications.
Edited book	Dew, K., & Matheson, A. (Eds.). (2008). <i>Understanding health inequalities in Aotearoa New Zealand</i> . Dunedin, New Zealand: Otago University Press.

Chapter in a edited book	Flippo, R. F., Becker, M. J., & Wark, D. M. (2009). Test taking. In R.F. Flippo & D. C. Caverly (Eds.), <i>Handbook of college readings and study strategy research</i> (pp. 249-286). New York, NY: Routledge.
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Referencing an article

Electronic with DOI	Ling, F. M., Farrow, A., Farrow, D., Berry, J., & Polman, R. J. (2016). Children's perspectives on the effectiveness of the playing for life philosophy in an afterschool sports program. <i>International Journal of Sports Science & Coaching</i> , 11(6), 780-788. doi:10.1177/1747954116676104
Electronic without DOI	Scheidel, W. (1996). The most silent women of Greece and Rome: Rural labour and women's life in the ancient world (II). <i>Greece & Rome</i> , 43(1), 1-10. Retrieved from http://www.jstor.org/stable/643080 .
Print	Adjepong, A. (2016). They are like badges of honour: Embodied respectability and women rugby players' experiences of their bruises. <i>Sport in Society</i> , 19(10), 1489-1502.

Referencing newspaper & magazine articles

Electronic from a database	Houlder, V. (2016, December 17). Colouring books: Black mark lifted. <i>The Financial Times</i> . Retrieved from the Academic OneFile database.
Electronic from the website:	Pedwell, T. (2017, January 24). Google, Facebook will soon roll out tools to sift fake Canadian news. <i>Welland Tribune</i> . Retrieved from http://wellandtribune.ca
Print:	Monson, M. (1999, September 16). Urbana firm obstacle to office project. <i>The Champaign Urbana News-Gazette</i> , pp. 1-8.
Electronic magazine article	Weir, K. (2017, January). Forgiveness can improve mental and physical health. <i>Monitor on Psychology</i> , 48(1). Retrieved from http://www.apa.org/monitor/
Newspaper article with no author	Internet charmed by a small band of women who march in a tiny N.S. village. (2017, January 24). <i>The Hamilton Spectator</i> . Retrieved from http://www.thespec.com/hamilton/

Referencing internet sources

Personal homepage	Smith, D. (2000, August 1). <i>Homepage</i> . Retrieved June 30, 2009 from http://www.citiesfc.com/SoHo/house/
Posting to an online discussion group or forum	Mar, B. (2006, April 2). Re: Favourite childhood games [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from http://chgames.com/games/06/forum
Blog posts	Friedman, J. (2017, January 9). Book marketing resources for authors: The best of 2016 [Web log message]. Retrieved from https://janefriedman.com/book-marketing-resources/
Website of an organization or government	March of Dimes Canada. (2016). <i>Youth retreats</i> . Retrieved from https://www.marchofdimes.ca/EN/programs/recreation/Pages/Youth%20Leadership%20Development%20Program.aspx
An online video	A-Z Learning. (2015, December 15). <i>Why citing matters</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLQXZs
A PowerPoint presentation	Sharma, A., & Joshi, R. (2013). <i>Writing skills</i> [Presentation slides]. Retrieved from http://www.slideshare.net/rohitjsh/writing-skills-28440521

Referencing film & television

Film	Wallace, H. B. (Producer), & Curtiz, M. (Director). (1942). <i>Casablanca</i> [Motion Picture]. United States: Warner Bros.
Single episode from a television broadcast	Reich, A., Cohen, T. (Writers), & Bright, K.S. (Director). (2003). The one after Joey and Rachel kiss [Television series episode]. In K.S. Bright (Executive producer), <i>Friends</i> . New York, NY: National Broadcasting Company.

Referencing encyclopedia & reference materials

Electronic with DOI	Glasser, A. (2010.) Accommodation. In D. A. Dartt, J. C. Besharse, & R. Dana (Eds.), <i>Encyclopaedia of the eye</i> (2010 ed., pp. 8-17). doi: 10.1016/B978-0-12-374203-2.09002-3
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Electronic without DOI	Feminism. (n.d.). In <i>Merriam-Webster online</i> . Retrieved from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/feminism
Print	Whiten, A. (2010). Apes: Social learning. In M.D. Breed & J. Moore (Eds.), <i>Encyclopaedia of Animal Behavior</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 100-110). London, England: Academic Press.

Referencing a dissertation

Electronic from a database	Jurbala, P. (2016). <i>Creating space, or just juggling? Exploring the adoption of innovation in community sport</i> . (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from Brock University Digital Repository. (brock.10464.10694)
Print obtained from a university	Chetty, A.A. (2013). <i>Understanding the cultural health beliefs in diabetes education amongst the aboriginal population within a city in Southern Region of Ontario</i> . Brock University, Canada.

Referencing a report

Industry report from a database	Research and Markets. (2016, October). <i>Nanocoatings - Global strategic business report</i> . Retrieved from Research and Markets Database.
Company report from a database	MarketLine. (2016, August 5). <i>Facebook Inc.: Company profile</i> . Retrieved from Business Source Elite database.
From a company website	CononcoPhillips. (2015). <i>Annual report</i> . Retrieved from http://www.conocophillips.com/zmag/15annualreport.html#1