

# APA CITATION STYLE

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## Two aspects of citing

**In text citing** (in the body of your paper)

**Reference List** (at the end of your paper)

### Examples

Citation in text:-

Sidel (1990) has presented poignant data from 150 interviews.

Reference List:-

Sidel, R. (1990) *On her own: Growing up in the shadow of the American Dream*. New York: Penguin.

## Citing in the text

Each time you cite a source you must include :-

1. Author(s) last name(s) **Or** title, if no author is named

2. Date of publication

\*include the page number only when you quote directly

### Examples

Rogers (1994) compared reaction times

In a recent study of reaction times (Rogers, 1994)

The Buddhist calendar has been the official calendar in Sri Lanka since 1966 (*Far East*, 1990)

### Quotations

Use "double quotation" marks for quotations in text. **Do not use** quotation marks to enclose block quotations (quotations of 40 or more words).

#### Example

An inaccurate or incomplete reference will "stand in print as an annoyance to future investigators and a monument to the writer's carelessness" (Bruner, 1942, p. 68).

### A work with two or more authors

If a work has **two** authors always cite **both** names in all citations.

When a work has 3-5 authors use all authors in the **first** citation. In subsequent citations, include only the surname of the **first author** followed by et al.

#### Examples - Two authors

Bright and McGregor (1970) offer a trenchant criticism of...

It has even been pointed out that ETS cites research studies in a selective, almost biased way (Slack & Porter, 1980).

#### Examples - Three to five authors

Wasserstein, Zappulla, Rosen, Gerstman, and Rock (1994) found that.... [**first citation in text**]

Wasserstein et al. (1994) define this concept as.... [**subsequent citation per paragraph**]

### Personal Communication

Personal Communications include letters, personal interviews and e-mail messages.

Personal communications should be cited **only in the text**.

#### Example

L. A. Chavez (personal communication, March 28, 1997) [author's name in sentence]  
(L. A. Chavez, personal communication, March 28, 1997) [authors name not in the sentence]

### A web site

To direct readers to an entire web site (but not a specific document on the site) it is sufficient to give the **address of the site in the text**.

### Part of a web document

Follow the author/date format. To cite specific parts of a web document, indicate the chapter, figure or table as appropriate. For quotations give page numbers (or paragraph numbers) if available.

## Reference List

### Citing a book

A citation for a book takes the following format:-

Author, A. A. (1994). *Title of work*. Place of publication: Publisher.

#### Example

Robinson, D. N. (1992). *Social discourse and moral judgement*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

### Book with no author named

*The Far East and Australasia 1991*. (1992) London: Europa.

### Chapter in a reference source

Bergman, P.G. (1993). Relativity. In *The new encyclopaedia Britannica* (Vol.26, pp.501-508). Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica.

### Chapter in an edited work

Massaro, D. (1992). Broadening the domain of the fuzzy logical model of perception. In H.L.Pick, P.van den Broek, & D.C.Knil (Eds.), *Cognition: Conceptual and methodological issues* (pp.51- 84). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

### A Periodical Article

A citation for a periodical article takes the following format:-

Author (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, vol. no, pages.

If the journal is paginated by issue, include the issue number in brackets before the page numbers.

#### Example

Kernis, M. H. (1993). There's more to self esteem than whether it is high or low. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 65 (4), 1190-1204.

### Electronic Publications

A citation for an online text usually contains 2 dates

- **the date of the electronic publication or the latest update**
- **the date on which you accessed the document.**

It should also include the web address or URL eg. <http://historychannel.com>

### An article from an online Journal

Jacobson, J.W. (1995). A history of facilitated communication. *American Psychologist*, 50, 750-765. Retrieved January 25, 1999, from <http://www.apa.org/journals/jacobson.html>

### Web site (no author identified)

Electronic reference formats recommended by the American Psychological Association. (2000, August 22). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. Retrieved August 29, 2000, from <http://www.apa.org/journals/webref.html>

### Chapter or section in an Internet document

Shah, A. (2003, April 21). Sustainable development. In *Global issues*. Retrieved February 20, 2004, from <http://www.globalissues.com/TradeRelated/Development.asp>

### Databases

Information to be included:

Date of retrieval, source, e.g Ebsco, Proquest,(specific database and any information needed to retrieve the item)

#### Example

Schneiderman, R.A. (1997). Librarians can make sense of the Net. *San Antonio Business Journal*, 11 (31), 58-67. Retrieved January 27, 1999, from EBSCO database.

## Example of a Reference List

### Reference List

*The Far East and Australasia 1991*. (1992). London: Europa.

Goleman, D. (1987). Failing to recognize bias in science. *Technology Review*, 9 (8), 26-27.

Goleman, D. (1992). *The creative spirit*. New York: Dutton.

Jacobson, J.W. (1995). A history of facilitated communication. *American Psychologist*, 50, 750-765. Retrieved January 25, 1999, from <http://www.apa.org/journals/jacobson.html>.

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