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**APA Guide for Reference List and In-text Citation Entries**

The purpose of this guide is to provide examples of reference list and in-text citation entries. These examples are based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.).

Remember, reference list entries are double spaced and in hanging indent format. Consult this [document](#) for help with creating a hanging indent using Word 2007.

A major change in reference list entries for electronic documents concerns the use of a digital object identifier (DOI). Use this [link](#) to learn more about or to search for a resource’s DOI.

When an electronic resource does not have a DOI, you should “…provide the home page URL of the journal or of the book or report publisher” (American Psychological Association [APA], 2010, p. 191). It may be necessary to search the web for this URL. Notice, in most instances, database retrieval information is no longer used. Watch this 3 minute [tutorial](#) concerning how to locate journal homepage URLs.

### IN-TEXT CITATIONS

- Quotation
- Paraphrase or Summary

### DATABASE SOURCES

- Scholarly Journal Article with DOI
- Scholarly Journal Article without DOI [electronic from database]
- Unsigned Entry from Europa World Plus Database
- Signed Entry from Europa World Plus Database
- Newspaper Article [electronic version from ProQuest Newspapers database]
- Review from Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
- Book [electronic version from eBook database]

### WEB SOURCES

- Webpage [single page with date]
- Webpage [single page without date]
- Webpage [organization as author]
- Webpage [unknown author]
- Magazine Article [electronic]

### PRINT SOURCES

- Scholarly Journal Article with DOI
- Scholarly Journal Article without DOI [print]
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- Newspaper Article [print]
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- Chapter in a Book [print]
- Religious/Classical Works
- Legal Materials
**In-text citations**

Rules for in-text citation format vary based on number of authors, and type of borrowed information being used, directly quoted or paraphrased information.

**Quotation**

According to Smith and Jones (2015), “obese children engage in less physical activity” than their fit counterparts (p. 103).

While “obese children engage in less physical activity,” fitter children are exercising more (Smith & Jones, 2015, p. 103).

*Page numbers with in-text citations:*

“When quoting, always provide the author, year, and specific page citation or paragraph number for nonpaginated material…” (APA, 2010, p. 170).

**Paraphrase or Summary**

Note: APA doesn’t require a page number for a paraphrase, but it is often helpful to include one. Consult with your professor for their expectations regarding page numbers for paraphrases.

1st in-text citation: More than 200 million pieces of first class mail are delivered by the United Stated Postal Service on an average business day (United States Postal Service [USPS], 2014). Subsequent citations: (USPS, 2014).

*Multiple authors:*

2 authors: Cite both names each time

3 to 5 authors: Cite all names in the first citation; in subsequent citations, cite only the first author followed by “et al.”

6 or more authors: Cite only the surname of the first author followed by “et al.” for all entries.

**Database sources**

**Scholarly Journal Article with DOI**


1st in-text citation: (Archbold, Hassell, & Stichman, 2010) Subsequent: (Archbold et al., 2010)

Note: A DOI may be recorded either as a set of numbers and letters preceded by “doi:” as above, or as a URL (not preceded by “doi:”), such as http://dx.doi.org/10.1067/rmh0000008. Either format is acceptable.
Scholarly Journal Article without DOI [electronic from database]

1st and subsequent in-text citation: (Ingram & Triadafilopoulous, 2010)

Note: Journal’s home page URL is cited in retrieval statement.

Unsigned Entry from Europa World Plus Database

Note: Retrieval date is cited because content in this database is updated.

Signed Entry from Europa World Plus Database

In-text citation: (Wearn, n.d., para. 4)

Note: Since text is unpaginated, paragraph number is cited. APA now calls for the use of “para.” instead of ¶. According to the APA blog, “you can count paragraphs down from the beginning of the document.”

Newspaper Article [electronic version from ProQuest Newspapers database]

Retrieved from http://online.wsj.com/home-page

Review from Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Note: According to the APA blog, “…the year of publication does double duty as the volume number. The issue number is needed because the journal is not continuously paginated. And because we have a DOI, neither the URL nor the Cochrane-assigned ID number is needed.”

Book [electronic version from eBook database]

Note: Provide publisher homepage URL, not database information in retrieval statement.
**Web sources**

**Note:** Break URLs when necessary before punctuation. Retrieval date cited only when document content is likely to change.

**Webpage [single page with date]**

   
   http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/12/07/how-to-make-your-iphone-run
   -faster_n_8738940.html?utm_hp_ref=uk-tech&ir=UK+Tech

**Webpage [single page without date]**

   

**Webpage [organization as author]**

   

**Webpage [unknown author]**


   /articles/lupus-information/lupus-definition/

**Note:** For in-text citations where the author is unknown, use the work’s title in your signal phrase or give the first word or two of the title in the parenthetical citation. Titles of articles, chapters, and pages are put in quotation marks.

   Those with lupus lack the body’s normal ability to identify antigens, leaving the body’s antibodies attacking the good body cells (“What is Lupus,” 2015).

**Magazine Article [electronic]**

   
   http://www.thenewrepublic.com
Print Sources
Scholarly Journal Article with DOI

1st in-text citation: (Archbold, Hassel, & Stichman, 2010) Subsequent: (Archbold et al., 2010)

Scholarly Journal Article without DOI [print]

1st in-text citation: (Jacobson, 2010) Subsequent: (Jacobson, 2010)

Magazine Article [print]

Newspaper Article [print]

Book [print]

Book with Editor [print]

Chapter in a Book [print]
Religious/Classical Works

“Reference list entries are not required for major classical works…or classical religious works; simply identify in the first citation in the text the version you used” (APA, 2010, p. 179.)
For example: 1 Cor. 13:1 (Revised Standard Version)

Legal Materials

“A typical reference form for court decisions includes (a) title or name of the case (usually one party vs. another); (b) the citation, usually to a volume and page of one of the various sets of books (called reporters, which usually contain decisions of courts in particular political division, or jurisdictions) where published cases can be found (e.g., the Federal Reporter, Second Series); and finally, (c) the precise jurisdiction of the court writing the decision (e.g., the New York Court of Appeals), in parentheses, including the date of the decision” (APA, 2010, p. 216).

Reference list entry:

In-text citation includes case name in italics:
(Lessard v. Schmidt, 1972)

For more information about references to legal materials, consult pages 216-224 in the APA manual.

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