

CITING SOURCES IN APA, 6TH ED.
A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



Consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th edition, for additional information about APA citation style. For a copy of the manual, ask at the service desk.

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USING APA STYLE TO CITE SOURCES

Using outside sources like books or articles in your assignment makes your arguments more credible. You demonstrate that your arguments are not just your opinion, but are based on evidence.

When you use other people's ideas in your work, you must observe the rules of academic integrity and cite your sources. Citations prevent any confusion over what is original to you and what you are borrowing. Citation styles like APA (American Psychological Association) or MLA (Modern Language Association) supply a standard method for identifying sources.

Use the examples in this brochure to help you cite your sources accurately. If you need more guidance, contact your instructor, the UT Arlington Writing Center, or a librarian.



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CITING REFERENCES IN THE BODY

*Cite **paraphrased** documents by putting the author's last name and the date of publication, separated by a comma, in parentheses.

Cite **quoted documents by putting the author's last name, date of publication, and page number, separated by commas, in parentheses.

Examples:

Single Author*
(Walker, 2000)

Two Authors**
(Check & Buss, 1981, p. 322)

Three to Five Authors*
First time referenced (Wasserstein, Zappulla, Rosen, Gerstman, & Rock, 1994)
Subsequent references (Wasserstein et al., 1994)

Six of More Authors
(Kosslyn et al., 1996, p. 184).

Author's Name in Sequence
Walker (2000) compared reaction times...

Indirect Source
Buss indicated ... (as cited in Atkins & Haller, 1993).

CREATING THE REFERENCE LIST

List materials cited in the body of the paper in the "References" section located at the end of the paper. Organize references alphabetically by the first author's last name; start each entry with a hanging indent, and use double spacing:

Buss, D. M., & Schmidt, D. P. (1993). Sexual strategies theory: An evolutionary perspective. *Psychological Review*, 100, 204-232.

Henry, W. A., III (1990, April 9). Beyond the melting pot. *Time*, 135, 28-31.

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PRINT SOURCES

Book

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book*. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Beck, C. A. J., & Sales, B. D. (2001). *Family mediation: Facts, myths, and future prospects*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Part of a Book (e.g., chapter, encyclopedia entry)

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of part. In Editor's Name (Ed.), *Title of book* (Edition, Vol. Number, pp. Pages). Publication location: Publisher.

Massaro, D. (1992). Broadening the fuzzy logical model. In H. L. Pick, Jr., & D. C. Knill (Eds.), *Cognition: Conceptual issues* (2nd ed., Vol. 2, pp. 51-84). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Journal Article

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Vol. Number(Issue Number), Pages.

Saywitz, K. J., Berliner, L., & Cohen, J. A. (2000). Treatment for sexually abused children and adolescents. *American Psychologist*, 55(9), 1040-1049.

Magazine Article

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Magazine Title*, Vol. Number, Pages.

Kandel, E. R., & Squire, L. R. (2000, November 10). Neuroscience: Breaking down scientific barriers. *Science*, 290, 1113-1120.

Newspaper Article

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Newspaper Title*, pp. Pages.

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.*

*This example shows non-consecutive page numbers.

ONLINE SOURCES

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Journal Article with DOI

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Vol. Number(Issue Number), Pages. DOI

Stultz, J. (2006). Integrating exposure therapy and analytic therapy in trauma treatment. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 76(4), 482-488. doi:10.1037/0002-9432.76.4.482

Journal Article without DOI

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Vol. Number(Issue Number), Pages. Retrieved from URL

Sillick, T. J., & Schutte, N. S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php.ejap>**

**URL for journal's homepage. (This information can be found in the database or by Google search.)

Journal Article with Multiple Authors

For articles with two to seven authors, include all authors' names. For articles with eight or more authors, include the first six authors, then three ellipses, then the last author's name.

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., Author, C. C., Author, D. D., Author, E. E., Author, F. F., ...Author, H. H. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Vol. Number(Issue Number), Pages. DOI

Gilbert, D. G., McClernon, J. F., Rabinovich, N. E., Sugai, C., Plath, L. C., Asgaard, G., ...Bortos, N. (2004). Effects of quitting smoking on EEG activation and attention last for more than 31 days and are more severe with stress, dependence, DRD2 A1 allele, and depressive traits. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 6, 249-267. doi:10.1080/14622200410001676305

Magazine Article

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Magazine Title*, Vol. Number, Pages. Retrieved from URL

Kandel, E. R., & Squire, L. R. (2000, November 10). Neuroscience: Breaking down scientific barriers. *Science*, 290, 1113-1120. Retrieved from <http://www.sciencemag.org>

Newspaper Article

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Newspaper Title*. Retrieved from URL

Hilts, P. J. (1999, February 16). In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com/1999/02/16/science/in-forecasting-their-emotions-most-people-flunk-out.html>

Online Reference Work With Author/Editor

Author, A. A. (Year). Article title. In A. A. Author (Ed.), *Title of reference source* (Edition). Retrieved from URL

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Fall 2007 ed.). Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism/>

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Heuristic. (n.d.). In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary* (11th ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.m.w.com/dictionary/heuristic>

E-Books

Author, A. A. (Year) *Title*. Place of Publication: Publisher. Retrieved from URL

Freud, S. (1999). *Leonardo Da Vinci: A memory of his childhood*. London, England: Taylor & Francis. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com>

Web Page

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Day). *Web page title*. Retrieved from URL

Cain, A., & Buris, M. (1999, April). *Investigation of the use of mobile phone while driving*. Retrieved from http://www.cutr.eng.usf.edu/its/mobile_phone_txt.htm**

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Technical Reports/ERIC Documents

Author, A. A. (Year). *Report title* (Report/ERIC No.). Retrieved from Reporting Agency: URL

McDaniel, J. E., & Miskel, C. G. (2002). *The effect of groups and individuals on national decisionmaking: Influence and domination in the reading policymaking environment* (CIERA Report 3-025). Retrieved from University of Michigan, Center for Improvement of Early Reading Achievement website: <http://www.ciera.org/library/reports/inquiry-3/3-025/3-025.pdf>

Online Video Clip

Video Creator. (Year, Month Day). Video title [Video file]. Video posted to URL

Norton, R. (2006, November 4). How to train a cat to operate a light switch [Video file]. Video posted to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLQXZs>