

CITING SOURCES IN APA, 6<sup>TH</sup> ED.  
A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



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## GIVING CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

### 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.

## DOCUMENTING SOURCES

### CITING REFERENCES IN THE BODY

\*Cite **paraphrased** documents by putting the author's last name and publication date, separated by a comma, in parentheses at the end of the sentence. If using the author's name as part of the sentence, put the publication date in parentheses.

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#### Examples:

**Single Author\***

(Walker, 2000)

**Two Authors\*\***

(Cheek & Buss, 1981, p. 322)

**Three to Five Authors**

**First time referenced** (Wasserstein, Zappulla, Rosen, Gerstman, & Rock, 1994)

**Subsequent references** (Wasserstein et al., 1994)

**Six or More Authors\*\***

(Kosslyn et al., 1996, para. 5).

**Author's Name as Part of Sentence\***

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.

## INFORMATION FOR THE REFERENCE LIST

Include all information necessary for someone else to find the same resource. If there is no author, begin the reference with the document title, then put the publication year in parentheses. If there is no date, put “n.d” in parentheses.

## 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.

### Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

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(Issue 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

There are two ways to cite online articles: with or without a DOI (digital object identifier) number. When a DOI is available, always include the DOI. If there is no DOI and the content is accessible by subscription only, give the URL of the journal's home page. You can find the DOI at CrossRef: <http://search.crossref.org/>

### 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

Morris, J. F., & Van Raalte, J. L. (2016). Transgender and gender non-conforming athletes: Creating safe spaces for all. *Journal of Sport Psychology in Action*, 7(2), 121-12. Retrieved from <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uspa20/current>\*\*

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### 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 author's names, then three ellipses, and 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

Philips, L., Allen, R., Bull, R., Hering, A., Kliegel, M., & Channon, S. (2015). Older adults have difficulty in decoding sarcasm. *Developmental Psychology*, 51(12), 1840-1852. doi:10.1037/dev0000063

### Magazine Article

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

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### 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/>

### Online Reference Work Without Author or Editor

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](http://www.cutr.eng.usf.edu/its/mobile_phone_txt.htm)\*\*

\*\*URL can be to website's homepage

## 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]. Retrieved from URL

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