APA Style Citation Guide – Common Examples
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Website, organization or association as author, no date
Notes: If no date is available, write (n.d.). When the author is an organization, be sure to fully list the organization name. The organization name becomes the author.

American Cancer Society. (n.d.). Overview of bladder cancer. Retrieved from

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/CRI/CRI_2_1x.asp?dt=44

First in text citation: (American Cancer Society, n.d.)

Book (single author)

Sheril, R. D. (1956). *The terrifying future: Contemplating color television.* San Diego, CA: Halstead.

In text citation: (Sheril, 1956)

Online Newspaper article (two authors)
Note: Provide publication year and exact date (month or month & day) for newspapers, magazines, and newsletters.

Lichtblau, E., & Shane, S. (2010, February 19). Report faults 2 authors of Bush terror memos. *The New York*

Times. Retrieved from http://www.nytimes.com

In text citation: (Lichtblau & Shane, 2010)

Journal article with DOI (3-5 authors):
Note: See page 4 for details on DOIs and retrieval information

Judge, T. A., Hurst, C., & Simon, L. S. (2009). Does it pay to be smart, attractive, or confident (or all three)?

Relationships among general mental ability, physical attractiveness, core self-evaluations, and income.

Journal of Applied Psychology, 94(3), 742-755. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0015497

First in text citation: (Judge, Hurst, & Simon, 2009)
Subsequent in text citations: (Judge et al., 2009)

Journal article without DOI (6-7 authors):

Dunne, E. F., Unger, E. R., Sternberg, M., McQuillan, G., Swan, D. C., Patel, S. S., & Markowitz, L. E.

(2007). Prevalence of HPV infection among females in the United States. *Journal of the American*

Medical Association, 297(8), 813-819. Retrieved from http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama

In text citation: (Dunne et al., 2007)

Journal article without DOI (8 or more authors):
Note: Include the first 6 authors, after the ellipse (3 dots…) include the last author.

Cuzick, J., Beverley, E., Ho, L., Terry, G., Sapper, H., Mielzynska, I., … Soutter, P. (1999). HPV testing

    in primary screening of older women. *British Journal of Cancer, 81*(3), 554-559. Retrieved from

    http://www.nature.com/bjc/index.html

In text citation: (Cuzick et al., 1999)

Movies & Videos (viewed online)

David, L. (Producer) & Guggenheim, D. (Director). (2006). *An inconvenient truth* [Video file]. Retrieved

    from http://fmovies.to/film/an-inconvenient-truth.6lv27/l3998n

In text citation: (David & Guggenheim, 2006)

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. (2011, January 28). *Vaccines save lives* [Video file]. Retrieved from

    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZvpF6gaGH4

In text citation: (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2011)

Common Errors & Tips

Capitalization within titles of articles & books: Capitalize only the 1st word of the title and subtitle (after colon or semicolon), and any proper nouns. All other words in the title are lower case.

Italics: The most common use of italics is for book titles, journal names, and volume. Do NOT put article title, webpage title, or newspaper titles in italics.

Publication date: In most cases, provide only the year the work was published. Give the year and exact date (month or month & day) for newspapers, magazines, and newsletters.

Organization of references: References should be organized alphabetically by first author name. Do NOT include numbers in the reference list.

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Page numbers: Include the page number within in-text citations ONLY when the sentence includes a direct quote. It should look as follows – (Cuzick et al., 1999, p. 554).

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This document serves as a simple guide to APA citations. This is not comprehensive but rather a good start to understanding APA. For additional examples and more detailed information about APA citation style, refer to the www.apastyle.org. APA style requires two elements for citing outside sources: Reference Citations in Text and a Reference List. Together these elements identify and credit the sources consulted in the paper and allow others to access or retrieve this material.

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Citations to sources are placed in the text of the paper in order to briefly identify sources for readers and enable them to locate the source of the cited information in the Reference List. These parenthetical (in text) references include the author's last name and the year of publication enclosed in parentheses. Citations are used when paraphrasing information and using direct quotes.

Example:
In a recent study of reaction times (Walker, 2000)…
Walker (2000) compared reaction times…
Researchers discovered negative impacts of alcohol on driving reaction times (Walker, 2000).

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When using a direct quote from a source, you must include the page number of the quote within the in text citation. If it is an electronic source without page numbers, use paragraph numbers in place of page numbers with the abbreviation para.

Example page #: According to researchers, "direct quote here" (Walker, 2000, p. 181)
Example paragraph #: According to researchers, "direct quote here" (Walker, 2000, para. 4)

Reference List

References cited in the text of a research paper must appear in a reference list. The reference page is headed with the word References centered at the top of the page. All references are then included in alphabetical order without enumeration; in other words, do not number the references. Also, notice the hanging indent - the first line of each reference is at the left margin and subsequent lines are indented with one tab (5 spaces). Reference lists should be double spaced (just like the body of the paper). See example reference list in this document.

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- If no DOI is assigned and you retrieved it online, the "Retrieved from…" location should be the **home page for the journal**, newsletter or magazine in the reference.
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