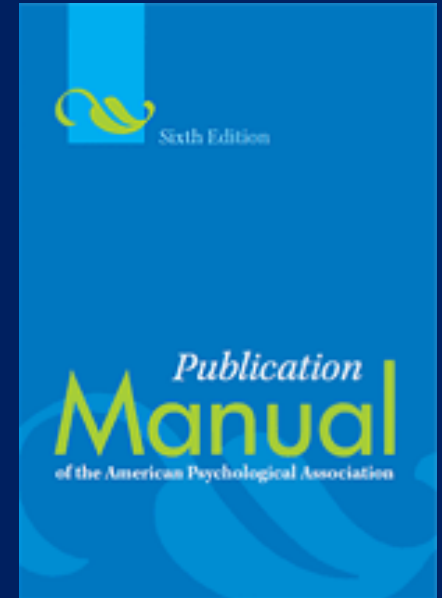


Referencing Using APA Style



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Why Cite?

- To acknowledge intellectual debt
- To lend support to arguments by referring to authoritative sources
- To help readers verify your claims
- To show research done



Why use APA?

- Use a consistent style to communicate clearly
- Use the rules for citing various sources to save your time
- Learn a valuable skill that is useful for university and the future

Basic Principles of citation

- Citation occurs in 2 areas in a written work.
 - ◆ **In-text Citation** : Providing basic information on your source of reference in your text itself.
 - ◆ **Reference List** : Purpose is to help readers find the references used in your text.

Basic Principles of APA

- APA style tends to use Author-Date format.
- This means citations are usually formatted in (Name, Year)
- The reference list is organized alphabetically by Name and then in Chronological order.
- Examples and further explanation are available further along this presentation.

CITATION IN TEXT : EXAMPLES

Citation In Text (Single Author)

- Cite by author and year the works used
 - ◆ Walker (2001) compared reaction times ...
 - ◆ In a study of reaction times (Walker, 2001) ...

Reference:

- ◆ Walker, M. M. (2001). Transfer of lexical information in adults with reading disorders. *Perceptual and Motor Skills*, 93 (1), 257-267.

Citation In Text (Multiple Authors)

- For 2-5 authors, cite all authors and year.
 - ◆ Duhig, Phares, and Birkeland (2002) did a survey on ...
 - ◆ A survey on fathers involvement in ... (Duhig, Phares & Birkeland, 2002)

Reference:

- ◆ Duhig, A. M., Phares, V., & Birkeland, R. W. (2002). Involvement of fathers in therapy: A survey of clinicians. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 33 (4), 389-395.

Citation In Text (Multiple Authors)

- For works with 6 or more authors, use first author et al. and year.
 - ◆ Kosslyn et al. (1996) ...
 - ◆ et al means and others
- For both first and all subsequent citations.

Citation In Text (Multiple Authors)

- For works with more than 6 authors in which the first authors share the same name, include as many authors as necessary to distinguish the different references.

- ◆ E.g. Reference:

Kosslyn, Koenig, Barrett, Cave, Tang, and Gabrieli (1996)

Kosslyn, Koenig, Gabrieli, Tang, Marsolel, and Daly (1996)

Cite in text as: Kosslyn, Koenig, Barrett, et al. (1996)
and Kosslyn, Koenig, Gabrieli, et al. (1996)

Subsequent Citations

- For works with 1 author
 - ◆ (Walker, 2001)
- For works with 2 authors, always cite both names every time
 - ◆ (Sanders & Dadds, 1993)
 - ◆ Sanders and Dadds (1993)

Subsequent Citations

- For works with 3-5 authors, subsequent citations use first author et al.
 - ◆ Duhig, Phares, and Birkeland (2002)
(1st citation)
 - ◆ Duhig et al. (2002)
(subsequent citations)

Works by Corporate Authors

- Spell out corporate author in full every time if the abbreviation is not common nor easily understandable
 - ◆ (University of Pittsburgh, 1998)
- If abbreviation is commonly used
 - ◆ (Ministry of Health [MOH], 2001) 1st in text citation
 - ◆ (MOH, 2001) Subsequent text citation

Works with no author

- For articles, chapters or web pages with no author
- Cite with "First few words of title" and year
 - ◆ In Text: ("Many Mentally Ill", 1994) for a newspaper article from Straits Times

Reference:

- ◆ Many mentally ill seek black magic cures (1994, May 2). *The Straits Times*, p. 2.

Works with no author

- For periodicals, books, brochures or reports with no author
- Cite with *Title* and year
 - ◆ The book *College Bound Seniors* (1979) found that ...
 - ◆ "... resilience, an ongoing process that requires time and effort and engages people in taking a number of steps." (*The Road to Resilience*, 2004)

Works with no author

- For a work where the author is designated as "Anonymous"
- Cite as Anonymous and year
 - ◆ (Anonymous, 1999)

Two or more Works

- Arrange in alphabetical and chronological order as in reference list
 - ◆ Past research (Phares, 1992, 1996, 1997) has shown ...
 - ◆ Several studies (Dienhart & Dollahite, 1997; Phares, 1992) showed that ...

Secondary Sources

- For a reference that was obtained from another source, you have to name both the Original and Secondary Source in your citations.
- List the Secondary Source in your Reference List and include the Secondary Source in parentheses in the in-text citation.
- **Note:** When citing material in parentheses, set off the citation with a comma. Also, try to locate the original material and cite the original source in the text.
- If you did not read the original text, then you do not have to list the Original Source in the Reference List.

Secondary Sources

- In text, name original work and (as cited in secondary source)

- In references, list secondary source,

- ◆ For example,

In Seidenberg and McClelland's study (as cited in Coltheart, Curtis, Atkins, & Haller, 1993), ...

In the Reference List (Secondary Source):

- ◆ Coltheart, M., Curtis, B., Atkins, P., & Haller, M. (1993). Models of reading aloud: Dual-route and parallel-distributed-processing approaches. *Psychological Review*, 100, 589-608.

Quotations

- Incorporate short quote (<40 words) in text
- Give page number
 - ◆ As suggested, “yet another challenge is to strive towards greater heights in our attempts to achieve professionalism through training and self-renewal” (Tan, 2002, p. 99).
 - ◆ According to Tan (2002), “yet another challenge is to strive towards greater heights in our attempts to achieve professionalism through training and self-renewal” (p. 99).

Quotations

- Use ` ` to replace “ ” within quotations
 - Change case of sentence where appropriate
 - Use ... to indicate omitted words
- ◆ She stated, “The ‘placebo effect’ ... disappeared when behaviors were studied in this manner” (Miele, 1993, p. 276).

Quotations

- For longer quotations of 40 or more words (indent without “ ”)
 - ◆ We agree with Obrue (2002), who concluded:
Neurofeedback is perhaps best viewed not as an alternative to conventional psychopharmacological agents but rather... (p. 8)

Quotations

- Direct quotations must be accurate & follow wording, spelling, punctuation
 - ◆ We agree with Obrue (2002), who concluded:
Neurofeedback is perhaps best viewed not as an alternative to conventional [*sic*]
psychopharmacological agents but rather... (p. 8)

Specific Parts of Source

- Indicate page, chapter, figure or table
 - ◆ (Duhig, Phares, & Birkeland, 2002, p. 392)
 - ◆ (Bell, 2001, chap. 6)
 - ◆ (Duhig, Phares, & Birkeland, 2002, table 2)

Specific Parts of Source

- For web page or article without pagination:
 - ◆ (Lim, 2004, para. 3)
 - ◆ (Bell, 2001, Conclusion section, para. 1)
 - ◆ (Tan, 2002)
- Omit if no paragraph number or section headings or confusing to use

Personal Communication

- For interview, email message, letter:
 - ◆ J.H. Lim (interview, June 4, 2004)
 - ◆ J. Tan (personal communication, March 15, 2005)
 - ◆ (J. Tan, personal communication, March 15, 2005)
- Normally not cited in References

The Reference List : Examples

Reference List

- Documents only sources used in research and preparation (not a bibliography)
- References cited in text must appear in reference list
- Information must be complete to enable the source to be retrieved
- Personal communication and classical works do not need to be included.

Reference List Order

- Alphabetical by author's name
- Chronological by same author
- Alphabetical by title
 - ◆ Baheti, J. R. (2001a). Control ...
 - ◆ Baheti, J. R. (2001b). Roles of ...
 - ◆ Kumpfer, K. L. (1999). Factors ...
 - ◆ Kumpfer, K. L. (2002). Prevention ...
 - ◆ Kumpfer, K. L., Alvarado, R., Smith, P., ...
 - ◆ Yoshikawa, H. (1994). Preventions ...

A note on using Last Names

- When citing or referring to authors, you must use the surname first.
- For example,
 - ◆ Stephanie Barnes referred to as Barnes, S.
 - ◆ James Francis Warren referred to as Warren, J.F.
- For chinese names however, usually the order remains.
- For example,
 - ◆ Lim Kwee Lan referred to as Lim, K. L.

From Duhig (2002) reference list:

- Achenbach, T. M., McConaughy, S. H., & Howell, C. T. (1987). Child/adolescent behavioral and emotional problems: Implications for cross-informant correlations for situational specificity. *Psychological Bulletin*, 101, 213-232.
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- Kaslow, N. J., & Thompson, M. P. (1998). Applying the criteria for empirically supported treatments to studies of psychosocial interventions for child and adolescent depression. *Journal of Clinical Child Psychology*, 27, 146-155.
- Phares, V. (1992). Where's Poppa?: The relative lack of attention to the role of fathers in child and adolescent psychopathology. *American Psychologist*, 47, 656-664.
- Phares, V. (1996). *Fathers and developmental psychopathology*. New York: Wiley.
- Phares, V. (1997). Psychological adjustment, maladjustment, and father-child relationships. In M. E. Lamb (Ed.), *The role of the father in child development* (pp. 261-283). New York: Wiley.

Book Reference

- Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book* (Edition). Location: Publisher.
- ◆ Taylor, S. E. (2003). *Health psychology* (5th ed.). Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Edited Book Reference

- Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (Year). *Title of book*. Location: Publisher.
- ◆ Tan, A. G., & Goh, M. (Eds.). (2001). *Psychology in Singapore: Issues of an emerging discipline*. Singapore: McGraw-Hill.

Publisher information

- Give city and state only when city is not well known or ambiguous
e.g. **Hillsdale, NJ** or **Cambridge, MA**
- For state, use US postal code 2-letter abbreviation and spell out other states/countries
e.g. **Oxford, England: Blackwell**
- Give publisher in brief but must still be clear
e.g. **New York: McGraw-Hill**
- Spell out name of publisher esp. associations, corporations, university presses
- Leave out terms like **Publisher, Co, Inc**
- Retain terms like **Books, Press**

More than 1 publisher location

- If the book lists more than one publisher location, use the first one or the home office if specified
- ◆ New York, London: Neal-Schuman Publishers
Cite as New York: Neal-Schuman

Book Reference

- Corporate Author. (Year). *Title of book*. Location: Publisher.
- ◆ Ministry of Health. (2001). *State of health report*. Singapore: Ministry of Health.

No Author Book Reference

- *Title of book* (Edition). (Year). Place of publication: Publisher.
- ◆ *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10th ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

Book Chapter Reference

- Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter.
In A. Editor, & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.
- ◆ Patterson, C. H. (1997). Client-centered supervision. In C. E. Watkins (Ed.), *Handbook of psychotherapy supervision* (pp. 134-146). New York: Wiley.

Journal Article Reference

- Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year).
Title of article. *Journal Title, Vol. (Issue No.)*, pages.
- ◆ Wheelan, S. A. (2003). An Initial exploration of the internal dynamics of leadership teams. *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice & Research, 55*, 179-188.

Journal Article Reference (multiple authors)

- For 6 and below authors, list out all the authors' names
- ◆ Kumpfer, K. L., & Alvarado, R. (2003). Family-strengthening approaches for the prevention of youth problem behaviors. *American Psychologist*, 58, 457-465.

Journal Article Reference (multiple authors)

- After the 6th author, use et al.
- ◆ Sandler, I. N. Ayers, T. S., Wolchik, S. A., Tein, J. Y., Kwok, O. M., Haine, R. A., et al. (2003). The Family Bereavement Program: Efficacy evaluation of a theory-based prevention program for parentally bereaved children and adolescents. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, 71 (3), 587-600.

Magazine Article Reference

- Include Month and Day or Season as given on magazine
- ◆ Fairchild, A. L., & Bayer, R. (2004, January 30). Ethics and the conduct of public health surveillance. *Science*, 303, 631- 632.

Newspaper Article Reference

- Author, A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, pages.
- ◆ Lee, J. (1999, September 6). More turning to acupuncture. *The Straits Times*, pp. 28-29.
- ◆ Many mentally ill seek black magic cures (1994, May 2). *The Straits Times*, p. 2.

UMI Thesis Reference

- Author, A. (Year). *Title of thesis*. (Level of thesis, University). *Dissertation Abstracts International*, vol (no), page. (UMI No. xxxxx)
- ◆ Morris, A. J. F. (2003). *Charity, therapy and poverty: Private social service in the era of public welfare*. (Doctoral dissertation, University of Virginia). *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 63 (12), 4444. (UMI No. AAT 3073579)

Unpublished Thesis Reference

- Author, A. (Year). *Title of thesis*.
Unpublished level thesis. University,
Place.
- ◆ Ho, M. (2000). *Coping strategies of
counselling professionals*. Unpublished
master's thesis. Nanyang
Technological University, Singapore.

Web Page Reference

- Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of work*.
Retrieved Month Day, Year, from
source.
- If no author, then the title moves up.
 - ◆ American Psychological Association.
(2003). *Electronic references*.
Retrieved March 21, 2005, from
<http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>.

Internet-only Journal Reference

- Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Mth Day)
Title of article. *Journal Title*, vol (no), pages.
Retrieved from source.
- Do not need to enter date of retrieval unless
source content is bound to change over time.
- ◆ Keenan, T. P. (2002. March 7). Distance and
distributed learning in continuing education:
Notes from the front lines. *CDTL Brief*, 5
(1). Retrieved from
<http://www.cdtl.nus.edu.sg/brief/v5n1/>.

Audiovisual

- Producer, P. P. (Producer), & Director, D. D. (Director). (Date of publication). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor
- ◆ Scorsese, M. (Producer) & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). *You can count on me* [Motion picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.

Blogs

- Author, A. (Exact date of posting Yr, Mth Date). Title of post [Description of form]. Retrieved from <http://www.abc.com>
- If only screen name is available, use the screen name.
 - ◆ Sternheimer, K. (2011, September 22). The bystander effect: a case study [Web log message]. Retrieved from <http://www.everydaysociologyblog.com/2011/09/the-bystander-effect-a-case-study.html>

Online Videos

- Author, A. A. [Screen name]. (year, month day). *Title of video* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx>
- ◆ Shirky, C. (2009, June) How social media can make history [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.ted.com/talks/clay_shirky_how_cellphones_twitter_facebook_can_make_history.html
- ◆ Jutecht (2006, March 8). Web 2.0 [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsa5ZTRJQ5w>

Music

- Writer, A. (Date of copyright). *Title of song* [Recorded by artist if different from writer]. On *Title of album* [CD]. Location: Label. (Recording date if different from copyright date)
- ◆ Simon, P. (1968). *Blessed*. On *The sounds of silence* [CD]. Australia: Columbia.

Music Score

- Name, A. (Date). *Title of Work*. Location: Publisher.
- ◆ Picker, T. [Composer] & McClatchy, J. D. [Librettist]. (1995). *Emmeline: An opera in two acts* [Score and parts]. Mainz, Germany: Schott Helicon.
- ◆ Mozart, W. A. (1970). *Die Zauberflöte* [*The magic flute*], K. 620 [Vocal score]. Munich, Germany: Becksche Verlagsbuchhandlung. (Original work published 1791)

Pay attention to

- Consistency in how you apply APA
- Punctuation (period, comma, semi-colon)
- Location and publisher for books
- Volume, issue and page numbers for articles
- Complete and correct information
- Spelling

Put it into practice

- American Psychological Association. (2010).
Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.).
Washington, DC: Author.
- American Psychological Association. (2011).
The Basics of APA Style. Washington, DC: Author.
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tutorial.aspx](http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics/tutorial.aspx)
- *APA Citation Style Guide*. (2010). Retrieved July 18,
2011, from
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