

APA Reference List Examples: Online and Other Sources

APA citation consists of **two parts**:

1. **Reference List (at the end of your paper)**: lists all the sources you consulted in alphabetical order.

A reference list entry generally has four elements: the author, date, title, and source. Each element answers a question:

Author: Who is responsible for this work?

Date: When was this work published?

Title: What is this work called?

Source: Where can I retrieve this work?

Example:

Ritchie, B. W. (2009). *Crisis and Disaster Management for Tourism*. Channel View Publications.

2. **In-text citation (within your paper)**: is used when you refer to a source in your paper.

An in-text citation uses the author-date citation system in which readers are directed to a full reference list entry. The in-text citation appears within the body of the paper (or in a table, figure, footnote, or appendix) and briefly identifies the cited work by its author and date of publication. This enables readers to locate the corresponding entry in the alphabetical reference list at the end of the paper.

Example:

The above-mentioned forecasting tools are less useful in predicting natural disasters (Ritchie, 2009).

Following are some selected examples of reference list entry and in-text citation. Please note:

- Citations in APA format should be double-spaced. (We use single space in this handout to save space.)
- Check with your instructor for any requested additions or variations to the examples below

For online sources, provide as much of the full date information as possible within the date of publication parentheses, e.g. (2013, May 3). Online sources such as blogs, newspapers, or Youtube videos are more likely to include a full date. Look for Copyright information with a date attached.

If there is no date available, insert “n.d.” which stands for “no date.”

When there is no author/organization name available, start the citation with the title or name of the item you are citing instead.

Basic Online Resources

Academic Journal with 1 author:

Author Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number if available), page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

Reference List	Gilbert, D. J. (2014). Social work and engineering collaboration: <i>Forging innovative global community development education</i> . <i>Journal Of Social Work Education</i> , 50(2), 292-304. doi:10.1080/10437797.2014.885263
In-Text Paraphrase	(Gilbert, 2014)
In-Text Quote	(Gilbert, 2014, p. 295)

Academic Journal with 2 authors:

Author 1 Last Name, Initials., & Author 2 Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number if available), page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

Reference List	Logan, C., & Johnstone, L. (2010). Personality disorder and violence: Making the link through risk formulation. <i>Journal of Personality Disorders</i> , 24, 610-633.
In-Text Paraphrase	(Logan & Johnstone, 2010)
In-Text Quote	(Logan & Johnstone, 2010, p. 613)

Academic Journal with 3 or more authors: must list up to 20 authors:

Author 1 Last Name, Initials., Author 2 Last Name, Initials., & Author 3 Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number if available), page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

Reference List	Mahoney, C. R., Giles, G. E., Marriott, B. P., Judelson, D. A., Glickman, E. L., Geiselman, P. J., & Lieberman, H. R. (2019). Intake of caffeine from allsources and reasons for use by college students. <i>Clinical Nutrition</i> , 38(2), 668–675. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.clnu.2018.04.004
In-Text Paraphrase	(Mahoney et al., 2019).
In-Text Quote	(Mahoney et al., 2019, p. 669)

*If no DOI is available do not include it

Page from a Website:

Author Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day of last update). *Title of specific page/article*. Site Name.
http://www.URL_of_specific_page

Reference List	Horovitz, B. (2021, October 19). <i>Are you ready to move your aging parent into your home?</i> AARP. https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/home-care/info-2021/caregiving-questions.html
In-Text Paraphrase	(Horovitz, 2021).
In-Text Quote *	(Horovitz, 2021, para. 12)

*Use the section or paragraph number to help direct readers to the area of the page with the quote.

Online Newspaper Article: (Note: For articles with no specific author, start your citation with the title of the article, followed by the date.)

Author Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Name of Newspaper*.
http://www.URL_of_specific_page

Reference List	Posadzki, A. (2014, June 4). B.C. teachers considering full-scale strike. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/british-columbia/province-can-cut-teachers-pay-during-lockout-bc-labour-relations-board-rules/article18995684/
In-Text Paraphrase	(Posadzki, 2014).
In-Text Quote	(Posadzki, 2014, para. 5)

Website with no author that was published by an organization/government body/group author:

Organization Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of page*. URL.

Reference List	Canadian Cancer Society. (2013, April 14). <i>Cancer research</i> . http://www.cancer.ca/en/cancer-information/cancer-101/cancer-research/?region=on
In-Text Paraphrase	(Canadian Cancer Society, 2013)
In-Text Quote *	(Canadian Cancer Society, 2013, Behavioral research section)

*When there are no visible page numbers or paragraph numbers, you may cite the section heading and the paragraph number to identify where your quote came from.

Website with no author that was not published by an organization/government body/group author:

When there is no author for a webpage, the title of the webpage is moved to the front of the reference entry instead of the author's name.

Title of page. (Year, Month Day). Name of website. URL.

Reference List	<i>Timeline: Environmental movement</i> (n.d.). The Canadian Encyclopedia. https://www.thecandianencyclopedia.ca/en/timeline/environment
In-Text Paraphrase *	(Timeline: Environmental, n.d.)
In-Text Quote *	(Timeline: Environmental, n.d., Canadian National Parks Act section)

*Use shortened title and year for in-text citations

*When there are no visible page numbers or paragraph numbers, you may cite the section heading and the paragraph number to identify where your quote came from.

YouTube video:

If available, include both the real name and the screen name of the person who posted the video.

Author, A. A. [Screen name]. (Year, Month Day). *Title of video* [Video]. YouTube. http://URL_of_specific_video

If the person's real name is not available, include only the screen name.

Screen name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of video* [Video]. YouTube. http://URL_of_specific_video

Reference List	Above The Noise. (2017, October 18). <i>Can procrastination be a good thing?</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQMwmBNNOnQ
In-Text Paraphrase	(Above The Noise, 2017)
In-Text Quote *	(Above The Noise, 2017, 1:15)

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Book or eBook:

Author 1 Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). *Book title*. Publisher

Reference List	Stoneman, R. (2008) <i>Alexander the Great: A life in legend</i> . Yale University Press.
In-Text Paraphrase	(Stoneman, 2008)
In-Text Quote	(Stoneman, 2008, p. 15)

Professor's Powerpoint Presentation or Lecture Slides:

Professor Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). *Title of presentation* [PowerPoint slides].
Department Name, University Name. URL

Reference List	Simonton, D. K. (2013). <i>The mad-genius controversy</i> [PowerPoint slides]. College of Education, University of Iowa. https://simonton.faculty.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/243/2015/08/IowaDeltaMadGenius.pdf
In-Text Paraphrase	(Simonton, 2013)
In-Text Quote	(Madura & Gill, 2018, slide 4)

Online dictionary:

Author Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Word or phrase. In *Dictionary Name*. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from <http://website.com/section#/interesting-thing>

Reference List	Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Semantics. In Merriam-Webster.com dictionary. Retrieved January 4, 2020, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/semantics
In-Text Paraphrase	(Merriam-Webster, n.d.)
In-Text Quote *	(Merriam-Webster, n.d., Definition 1)

*When there are no visible page numbers or paragraph numbers, you may cite the definition number.

Film or movie:

Author Last Name, Initials. (Director). (Year released). *Title* [Film]. Production company.

Reference List	Verrette, T. (Director). (2021). <i>Zero gravity</i> [Film]. Sklight Cinema; 20 th Digital Studio.
In-Text Paraphrase	(Verrette, 2021)
In-Text Quote	(Verrette, 2021, 58:32)

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AI-Generated Writing

Developer. (Version Year). *Title of AI Tool* (Month Day version) [Additional Descriptions]. Source

Reference List	OpenAI. (2023). <i>ChatGPT</i> (Feb 13 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com
In-Text Paraphrase	(OpenAI, 2023)
In-Text Quote	(OpenAI, 2023)

AI-Generated Images

Developer. (Version Year). *Title of AI Tool* (Version number) [Type of AI Model]. Source

Reference List	OpenAI. (2023). <i>DALL-E</i> (Version 2) [Large language model]. https://labs.openai.com/
Citing as Figures	<p>If you are inserting the AI-generated image in your coursework, start with a figure number followed by an image title. Beneath the image, include a note with details about the prompt and the source (see example below).</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Figure 3</p> <p><i>Example of an AI-generated image</i></p>  <p><i>Note:</i> Image generated using the prompt "Two puppies playing by the sea in the style of Renoir," by OpenAI, <i>DALL-E</i>, 2023 (https://labs.openai.com).</p>