

APA STYLE GUIDE

6th Edition

The following is intended as a basic guide to the more common reference entries; for more information please see the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*.

APA requires a hanging indent for its citations, as formatted in the examples below. Also, **PLEASE BE SURE TO DOUBLE SPACE CITATIONS**. For space-saving reasons, the citations below are single-spaced. APA requires double-spacing of citations.

BOOKS

Typical book entry - single author

Weil, D. (2006). *The corporate blogging book: Absolutely everything you need to know to get it right*. New York: Portfolio.

Publishing information: Spell out the publishing names of associations and university presses, but omit superfluous terms such as “Publishers,” “Co.” or “Inc.” If two or more locations are given, give the locations listed first or the publisher’s home office. When the publisher is a university and the name of the state (or province) is included in the university name, do not repeat the name of the state/province in the publisher location. When the author and publisher are identical, use the word “Author” as the name of the publisher. Example:

American Psychiatric Association. (1994). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Multiple Authors

When the work has up to (and including) seven authors, cite all authors. When a work has more than seven authors, cite the first six followed by three ellipses and then the last author’s name.

Agnew, C., & Anderson, E.W. (1992). *Water resources in the arid realm*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Gilbert, D. G., McClernon, J.F., Rabinovich, N.E., Sugai, C., Plath, L. C., Asgaard, G., ... Botros, 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

Corporate Authorship

Schnase, J.L., & Cunniss, E.L. (Eds.). (1995). *Proceedings from CSCL '95: The First International Conference on Computer Support for Collaborative Learning*. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

American Psychological Association (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed. Washington, DC: Author.

No Author Identified

Experimental psychology. (1938). New York: Holt.

Citing Items in an Anthology/Chapter in an Edited Book

Rubenstein, J. P. (1967). The effect of television violence on small children. In B. F. Kane (Ed.), *Television and juvenile psychological development* (pp. 112-134). New York, NY: American Psychological Society.

Reprinted or Republished Chapter

Freud, S. (1961). The ego and the id. In J. Strachey (Ed. And Trans.), *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud* (Vol. 19, pp. 3-66). London: Hogarth Press. (Original work published 1923)

Chapter in a Volume in a Series

Maccoby, E. E., & Martin, J. (1983). Socialization in the context of the family: Parent-child interaction. In P. H. Mussen (Series Ed.) & E. M. Hetherington (Vol. Ed.), *Handbook of child psychology: Vol. 4. Socialization, personality, and social development* (4th ed., pp. 1-101). New York, NY: Wiley.

Citing Multivolume Works

Wilson, J. G., & Fraser, F. C. (Eds.). (1977-1978). *Handbook of teratology* (Vols. 1-4). New York, NY: Plenum Press.

In listing a multivolume work, the publication dates should be inclusive for all volumes. The volumes should be identified, in parentheses, immediately following the book title. Do not use a period between the title and the parenthetical information; close the entire title, including the volume information, with a period.

Edited Collections

Higgins, J. (Ed.). (1988). *Psychology*. New York: Norton.

or

Grice, H. P., & Gregory, R. L. (Eds.). (1968). *Early language development*.
New York: McGraw-Hill.

Citing Specific Editions of a Book

Brockett, O. (1987). *History of the theatre* (5th ed.). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Immediately after the book's title, note the edition information in parentheses (for example, "5th ed." or "rev. ed."). Do not use a period between the title and the parenthetical information.

Translated Works

Freud, S. (1970). *An outline of psychoanalysis* (J. Strachey, Trans.). New York: Norton
(Original work published 1940)

The original publication date is the last portion of the entry and should be in parentheses with the note "Original work published" followed by the date.

Proceedings

Deci, E. L., & Ryan, R. M. (1991). A motivational approach to self: Integration in personality .
In R. Dienstbier (Ed.), *Nebraska Symposium on Motivation: Vol. 38. Perspectives
on motivation* (pp. 237-288). Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press.

or

Cynx, J., Williams, H., & Nottebohm, F. (1992). Hemispheric differences in avian song
discrimination. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA*, 89, 1372-1375.
doi: 10.1073/pnas.0805417105

JOURNALS

Citing Articles in Journals with Continuous Pagination

Passons, W. (1967). Predictive validities of the ACT, SAT, and high school grades for the first
semester GPA and freshman courses. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, 27,
1143-1144.

Citing Articles in Journals with Non-Continuous Pagination

Sawyer, J. (1966). Measurement and prediction, clinical and statistical. *Psychological Bulletin*, 66 (3), 178-200.

Because pagination begins anew with each issue of this journal, it is necessary to include the issue number in parentheses after the volume number. Note that there is a comma between the issue number and the page numbers, but no comma between the italicized volume number and the issue number. If the periodical does not use volume numbers, include “pp.” before the page numbers, so the reader will understand that the numbers refer to pagination. Use “p.” if the source is a page or less long.

Citing Articles in Monthly Periodicals

Chandler-Crisp, S. (1988, May) “Aerobic writing”: A writing practice model. *Writing Lab Newsletter*, pp. 9-11.

Citing Articles in Weekly Periodicals

Kauffman, S. (1993, October 18). On films: Class consciousness. *The New Republic*, p. 30.

Newspaper Articles

Monson, M. (1993, September 16). Urbana firm obstacle to office project. *The Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette*, pp. A1, A8.

No Author Identified

Clinton puts ‘human face’ on health-care plan. (1993, September 16). *The New York Times*, p. B1.

Reprinted or Republished Articles

Clark, G., & Zimmerman, E. (1988). Professional roles and activities as models for art education. In S. Dobbs (Ed.), *Research readings for discipline-based art education*. Reston, VA: NAEA. (Reprinted from *Studies in Art Education*, 19 (1986), 34-39.)

Following the entry, enclose “Reprinted from” in parentheses, noting the original publication information. Close with a period.

ERIC Documents (Report available from the Educational Resources Information Center)

Mead, J. V. (1992). *Looking at old photographs: Investigating the teacher tales that novice teachers bring with them* (Report No. NCRTL-RR-92-4). East Lansing, MI: National Center for Research on Teacher Learning. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED346082)

DISSERTATIONS

Dissertation Obtained from Dissertation Abstracts International (DAI)

Bower, D. L. (1993). Employee assistant programs supervisory referrals: Characteristics of referring and nonreferring supervisors. *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 54 (01), 534B. (UMI No. 9315947)

Dissertation Obtained from the University

Ross, D. F. (1990). Unconscious transference and mistaken identity: When a witness misidentifies a familiar but innocent person from a lineup (Doctoral dissertation, Cornell University, 1990). *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 51, 417.

Give the university and year of the dissertation as well as the volume and page numbers from the Dissertation Abstracts International.

OTHER MEDIA

Citing Interviews

Archer, N. (1993). [Interview with Helen Burns, author of *Sense and Perception*]. *Journal of Sensory Studies*, 21, 211-216.

In this example, the interview lacked a title, so a description of the interview is given in brackets. If the interview has a title, include the title (without quotation marks) after the year, and then give a further description in brackets if necessary. Make sure you have the author's full name.

Unpublished interviews do not need a reference page entry because they are what the Publication Manual of the APA calls "personal communications" and so "do not provide recoverable data." Here, the entry consists of the first initial and last name of the interviewee, the type of communication, and the date of the interview.

(N. Archer, personal interview, October 11, 1993)

Citing Films or Videotapes

Weir, P. B. (Producer), & Harrison, B. F. (Director). (1992). *Levels of consciousness* [Motion picture]. Boston, MA: Filmways.

Here the main people responsible for the videotape are given, with their roles identified in parentheses after their names. After the title, the medium is identified (here, a motion picture). The distributor's name and location comprises the last part of the entry.

Citing Recordings

John, E. (1973). Bennie and the Jets. On *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* [CD].
London: Rocket Records.

In text citations, include side and band/track numbers: “Bennie and the Jets” (John, 1973, track 3).

ELECTRONIC INFORMATION

Journal article with DOI

Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. *Health Psychology, 24*, 225-229. doi:10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

Journal article with DOI, more than seven authors

Gilberg, D. G., McClernon, J. F., Rabinovich, N. E., Sugai, C., Plath, L. C., Asgaard, G., . . . Botros, 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

Journal article without DOI (when DOI is not available)

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

*A note on retrieval dates in citations: Although formerly these were included for electronic citations, these are no longer necessary unless the content is likely to change over time (a wiki, for example).

Websites

The APA has this to say on citing websites:

When citing an entire website, it is sufficient to give the address of the site in just the text.

Example:

Kidspsych is a wonderful interactive website for children (<http://www.kidspsych.org>).

When there is no author for a web page, the title moves to the first position of the reference entry:

Example:

New child vaccine gets funding boost. (2001). Retrieved March 21, 2001, from http://news.ninemsn.com.au/health/story_13178.asp

Cite in text the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) and the year. Use double quotation marks around the title or abbreviated title.: ("New Child Vaccine," 2001).

Use the full title of the web page if it is short for the parenthetical citation.