Citing different sources with APA referencing

This page outlines how to cite different kinds of print-based sources using APA style referencing.

Books

In-text citations

A page number is required if you are quoting. When paraphrasing, or if the information you are citing can be found on a particular page the APA publications manual 6th edn (p. 171) encourages you to provide page numbers to help the reader locate the information.

(Karskens, 1997, p. 23)

Ward (1966, p. 12) suggests that ...

If you are summarising, or only citing the main idea of the book:

(Willis, 1990)

References

Include information in the following order:

- author’s surname, and initial(s).
- year of publication (between parentheses).
- book title (in italics, capitalise first word of title and subtitle, and proper nouns).
- edition (if other than the first), (between parentheses, after the title, but before the full stop).
- place of publication (city, initials of state, if published in the USA; city, country, if published elsewhere) followed by a colon (:)
- publisher.


Electronic version of a print book

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Follow the author-date format for standard books.

References

If a Digital Object Identifier is available, it should be used. If it is not available, include a url. Place a description of format in brackets following the title, but before the full stop:


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(Curthoys, 1997, p. 25)

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- (Ed.). for a single editor; (Eds). for more than one.
- collection title (in italics, capitalize first word of title and subtitle, and proper nouns).
- page range (between parentheses, after the title, but before the full stop).
- place of publication (city, initials of state, if published in the USA; city, country, if published elsewhere) followed by a colon (:) 
- publisher.


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Author, date, page number (if required):

(Tucker, 1998, p. 257)

(Tucker, 1998)

**References**

Include information in the following order:

- author’s surname and initial.
- year of publication (between parentheses).
- article title (capitalize first word of title and subtitle, and proper nouns).
- journal or periodical title (in italics, maximum capitalisation),
- volume number (in italics)
- issue number (between parentheses),
- page range.

An article with a named author:


An online article:

Provide the URL of the homepage where the online version of the article is available via search.


A privately obtained interview or other personal communication

Personal communication may be unpublished lecture notes, letters, memos, personal interviews, telephone conversations, emails, photographs or images.

In-text citations

Cite personal correspondence in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide as exact a date as possible:

(B. Daly, personal communication, August 7, 2010)

(P. Gregory, personal photograph, May 2, 1987)

Note that the initial(s) precede the surname.

References

- Details of a personal communication do not usually need to be included in the list of references as it cannot be traced by the reader.
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Research reports

In-text citations

Cite as you would with a book, including author, date, and page number:

(Oldsberg & Winters, 2005, p. 17)

References

List research reports as you would a book:


Unpublished material (thesis)

In-text citations

(Ballard, 2003, p. 132)

References

Brochures

In-text citations

Cite the author or authoring body and date if available:

(New South Wales Dept of Primary Industries, 2005)

(New South Wales Dept of Primary Industries, 2015, p. 4)

References

Include as much information as available:

• author or authoring body.
• date (between parentheses).
• title (in italics).
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• place of publication:
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In-text citations

Refer to the work in the text, then include book author, date, and page number:

De Kooning's 1952 painting "Woman and Bicycle" (Hughes, 1980, p. 295) is an example of ...

References

List the book containing the image:


See next: Citing electronic sources with APA