

APA Style In Brief

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All materials cited in the text must appear in the reference list, and all sources in the reference list must be cited in the text.

Below are examples of the most common kinds of references needed for a reference list. For more examples of entries consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, REF BF76.7 .P83. For examples of citing electronic resources, visit <http://www.apastyle.org>.

ARTICLES

General Form:

Author, A.A., Author, B.B., & Author, C.C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume, (issue number if applicable), page numbers. doi:xx.xxxxxxxx

- Include the DOI (digital object identifier) if one is assigned.
- If no DOI is assigned to the article, and you retrieved it online, include URL of the newspaper, journal, or magazine, not the URL of the database.
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- If article is a print article, no DOI or URL are needed.

Examples:

Journal article with DOI

Steiner, W. (2010). A Stackelberg-Nash model for new product design. *OR Spectrum*, 32(1), 21-48. doi:10.1007/s00291-008-0137-4.

Journal article with DOI, two to six authors

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

- Note that this article has no issue number

Journal article with DOI, more than seven authors

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

- Use an ellipsis (...) after the sixth author and before the last author.

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>

Light, M.A., & Light, I.H. (2008). The geographic expansion of Mexican immigration in the United States and its implications for local law enforcement. *Law Enforcement Executive ForumJournal, 8*(1), 73-82.

- If there is no DOI assigned and the reference was retrieved online, find the URL of the journal through a web search. Do not use the URL of the database.
- If a print article, no URL is needed.
- No retrieval date is needed.

Magazine article

Chamberlin, J., Novotney, A., Packard, E., & Price, M. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being: Occupational health psychologists convene to share their research on work, stress, and health. *Monitor on Psychology, 39*(5), 26-29.

Online magazine article

Clay, R. (2008, June). *Science vs. ideology: Psychologists fight back about the misuse of research.* *Monitor on Psychology, 39*(6). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor>

Newspaper article, no author

Six sites meet for comprehensive anti-gang initiative conference. (2006, November/December). *OJJDP News @ a Glance*. Retrieved from http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojdp/news_at_glance/216684/topstory.html

- The exact URL is helpful here because specific newsletter articles are difficult to locate from the government agency homepage.

- Alphabetize works with no author by the significant word in the title (in this case, “Six”).
- In text, use a short title (or the full title if it is short) enclosed in quotation marks for the parenthetical citation: (“Six Sites Meet,” 2006).

Newspaper article

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

- Precede page numbers for newspaper articles with p. or pp.
- If an article appears on discontinuous pages, give all page numbers, and separate the numbers with a comma (e.g., pp. B1, B3, B5-B7).

Online Newspaper Article

Brody J.E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserved keep brain agile. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

BOOKS

Also used for other nonperiodical items such as reports, brochures, and manuals.

General Form:

For an entire book, use the following reference formats:

Author, A.A. (Year). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

- For location, include two-letter state name code, or include country name if a non-American city.

Examples:

Shotton, M.A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency*. London, England: Taylor and Francis.

Michaels, J.M. (2007). *The Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains: Includes Saratoga Springs and Albany*. Woodstock, VT: The Countryman Press.

Jackson, R.S. (2008). *Wine science: principles and applications* (3rd ed.). New York, NY: Elsevier Inc.

Edited book:

Gibbs, J.T., & Huang, L.N. (Eds.). (1991). *Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass.

A chapter in an edited book:

Author, A.A., & Author, B.B. (1995). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.

Haybron, D.M. (2008). Philosophy and the science of subjective well-being. In M. Eid & R.J. Larsen (Eds.), *The science of subjective well-being* (pp. 17-43), New York, NY: Guilford Press.

Electronic book:

Author, A.A. (Year). *Title of work*. Retrieved from: <http://www.xxxxxxx>

Author, A.A. (Year). *Title of work*. doi: xxxxx

De Huff, E. W. (n.d.). *Taytay's tales: Traditional Pueblo Indian tales*. Retrieved from <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/dehuff/taytay/taytay.html>

Reference book:

VandenBos, G. R. (Ed.). (2007) *APA dictionary of psychology*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

Article or chapter in a reference work:

Author, A.A., & Author, B.B. (1995). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (vol., pp. xxx-xxx). Location: Publisher.

Miller, J. A. (2005). Casablanca. In K. Shillington (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of African History* (vol. 1, pp. 222-223). New York: Fitzroy Dearborn.

Entry in an online reference work, no author or editor:

Heurisitc. (n.d.) In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary* (11th ed.) Retrieved from <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary/heuristic>

Entry in an electronic reference book:

Author, A.A., & Author, B.B. (1993). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor & B, Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx), Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxx>

Author, A.A., & Author, B.B. (1995). Title of chapter or entry. In A. Editor, B. Editor, & C. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pp. xxx-xxx). doi: xxxxxxx

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Fall 2007 ed.), Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism/>

INTERNET SOURCES

Online document - general form:

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). *Title of document*. Retrieved from <http://Web> address

Examples:

Stand-alone document, no author identified, no date

GVU's 8th WWW user survey. (n.d.) Retrieved from http://www.cc.gatech.edu/gvu/user_surveys/survey-1997-10/

Blog post

BetumiBlog. (2010, July 15). Re: Culinary Entrepreneurship in Ghana: Food Studies and Ice Kenkey [Web log message]. Retrieved from <http://betumiblog.blogspot.com/>

MiddleKid. (2007, January 22). Re: The unfortunate prerequisites and consequences of partitioning your mind [Web log message]. Retrieved from http://scienceblogs.com/pharyngula/2007/0/th_unfortunate_prerequisites.php

- In this example a screen name is used for the author name. The author has adopted a nickname, or screen name, to use when posting messages to this web log.

AUDIOVISUAL MATERIAL

Video

PBS Home Vide. (Producer). (2008). *E² Design: Season 2* [DVD].

Podcast

College of Business and Economics at Boise State University (Producer). (2010, July 15). *Idaho Business Matters* [Audio Podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.npr.org>

Music recording

Writer, A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by B. B. Artist if different from writer]. On *Title of album* [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copyright date)

Merchant, Natalie. (2010). *The King of China's Daughter*. On *Leave Your Sleep* [CD]. New York, NY: Nonesuch records.

LEGAL AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Reference form for cases:

Name v. Name, Volume Source Page (Court Date).

- Abbreviate the published source (if any), court, and date as specified in the *Bluebook*.

Lessard v. Schmidt, 349 F. Supp. 1078 (E.D. Wis. 1972).

Reference to a federal district court opinion

Davis v. Monsanto Co., 627 F. Supp. 418 (S.D. W.Va. 1986).

Reference to a statute

Mental Health Systems Act, 42 U.S.C. 9401 (1988).

Form for testimony at federal hearings and for full hearings:

Title, xxx Cong. (date).

Patents

Smith, I. M. (1988). *U.S. Patent No. 123,445*. Washington, DC: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Multipage document created by private organization, no date

Greater New Milford (Ct) Area Healthy Community 2000, Task Force on Teen and Adolescent Issues. (n.d.) *Who has time for a family meal? You do!* Retrieved October 5, 2000 from <http://www.familymealtime.org>

U.S. government report available on government agency Web site, no publication date indicated

U.S. Department of Commerce. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (2010). NOAA's Response: Hurricanes and the Oil Spill. Retrieved from http://response.restoration.noaa.gov/book_shelf/2076_hurricanes_oil.pdf

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations must be used when you quote an author directly or paraphrase an author's ideas. A parenthetical citation is placed at the end of the sentence or paragraph being quoted or paraphrased. If you choose to state the author's name in your sentence, the publication year in parenthesis should be included after the author's name instead of a parenthetical citation.

Works by one author

(Kessler, 2003).

Kessler (2003) found that...

Works with two authors

(Kurtines & Szapocznik, 2003).

Kurtines and Szapocznik (2003) demonstrated that...

Works with three to five authors

First citation

(Kisangau, Lyaruu, Hosea, & Joseph, 2007).

Kisangau, Lyaruu, Hosea, and Joseph (2007) stated that...

In subsequent citations, you should only include the first author's name.

(Kinsangau et al., 2007)

Kinsangau et al. (2007) stated that...

Works with six or more authors

Only cite the name of the first author followed by et al.

(Gilbert et al., 2004)

Gilbert et al. (2004) argued...

Works with no author

("College Bound Seniors," 2008)

College Bound Seniors (2008) writes...

For further assistance, please ask at the Reference Desk.

Sample References Page

A Sample of how your page should be set-up.

VARYING DEFINITIONS OF ONLINE COMMUNICATION

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- Hu, Y., Wood, J. F., Smith, V., & Westbrook, N. (2004). Friendships through IM: Examining the relationship between instant messaging and intimacy. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, 10(1), 38-48.
- Tidwell, L. C., & Walther, J. B. (2002). Computer-mediated communication effects on disclosure, impressions, and interpersonal evaluations: Getting to know one another a bit at a time. *Human Communication Research*, 28(3), 317-348.
- Underwood, H., & Findlay, B. (2004). Internet relationships and their impact on primary relationships. *Behaviour Change*, 21(2), 127-140.

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