

Citing Your Sources -- APA Citation Style – 6th ed.

Students using direct quotes and ideas from other sources need to identify the source of the information. These directions will help you understand how to include this information in your paper.

If you are using someone else's idea or information (not direct quote) it should be written using the following format.

Three examples of how you could cite the same research done by Dr. Smith:

- Smith (1983) compared reaction times...
- In a recent study of reaction times (Smith, 1983)...
- In 1983 Smith compared reaction times...

Three examples of how you could cite the same research done by three authors, Smith, Doe, and Jones:

- Smith, Doe, and Jones (1983) compared reaction times...
- In a recent study of reaction times (Smith, Doe, & Jones, 1983)...
- In 1983 Smith, Doe, and Jones compared reaction times...

If you are using someone else's idea as a direct quote it should be written using the following format.

Three examples of how you could cite the same quote by Miele:

- Miele (1993) found that "The placebo effect...disappeared when..." (p. 276).
She stated, "The placebo effect...disappeared when studied" (Miele, 1993, p. 276).
- Miele (1993) found the following: "The placebo effect, which had been verified in previous studies, disappeared..." (p. 276).

Three examples of how you could cite the a quote by three authors, Miele, Kay, & Fife:

- Miele, Kay, and Fife (1993) found that "The placebo effect...disappeared when..." (p. 276).
They stated, "The placebo effect...disappeared when studied" (Miele, Kay, and Fife, 1993, p. 276).
- Miele, Kay, and Fife (1993) found the following: "The placebo effect, which had been verified in previous studies, disappeared..." (p. 276).

Instructions for using an interview and other personal communications in your paper.

According to the *APA Publication Manual* (2010) "personal communications may be letters, memos, ... personal interviews... and the like. Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list. Cite personal communications in the text only." (p. 214). Following are samples as they should appear in text of your paper:

J.A. Doe (personal communication, February 11, 2002) recommended the Google search engine.

An experienced librarian recommended Google as a search engine for the internet. (J.A. Doe, personal communication, February 11, 2002).

The URL from websites and databases.

Electronic versions of books, journal articles, etc. are treated identically to the print versions. When using an electronic version, the URL is placed at the end of the citation on the reference page. Periods are not used at the end of URL. See samples.

Putting references on the reference page, examples:

Book with Single Author -- Basic Format – Print & Electronic

Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). *Title of book* [capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words]. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Sample Citation - Print

Bernstein, T. M. (1965). *The careful writer: A modern guide to English usage*. New York: Atheneum.

Sample Citation - Electronic Book

Kovacic, Branislav. (1997). *Emerging theories of human communication*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=5414>

Book with Two to Seven Authors -- Basic Format – Print & Electronic

Include all authors in this format: Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., & Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). *Title of book* [capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words]. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Sample Citation - Print

Horgan, T. & Tienson, J. (1996). *Connectionism and the philosophy of psychology*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Sample Citation - Electronic Book

Horgan, T. & Tienson, J. (1996). *Connectionism and the philosophy of psychology*. Cambridge: MIT Press. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=5414>

Book with Eight or More Authors – Basic Format – Print & Electronic

Include first six authors in this format: Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial., ..., Author's Last Name [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). *Title of book* [capitalize only the first word of

the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words]. Place of Publication:

Publisher.

Sample Citation - Print

Abel, E., Christian, B., Smith, A., Jones B., Nelson, M., Moglen, H., ..., Thomas, K. (1997). *Female subjects in black and white*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Sample Citation - Electronic Book

Abel, E., Christian, B., Smith, A., Jones B., Nelson, M., Moglen, H., ...Thomas, K. (1997). *Female subjects in black and white*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Retrieved from <http://www.netlibrary.com/urlapi.asp?action=summary&v=1&bookid=5414>

Encyclopedia Article – Basic Format – Print & Online

Last name [space] First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). Title of entry. In Editor [space]

First and Middle Initial, Last name (ed.), *Title of Encyclopedia* [capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words] (edition). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Sample Citation - Print

Sadie, S. (Ed.). (1980). *The new Grove dictionary of music and musicians* (6th ed.). London: Macmillan.

Sample Citation - Online

De Milto, L. & Wells, K.R. (2007). Heart attack. In J.L. Longe (Ed.), *Gale encyclopedia of medicine* (2nd ed.). Detroit: Thomson Gale. Retrieved from <http://rvlproxy.mnpals.net/login?url=http://find.galegroup.com/menu/start?prod=NRC&userGroupName=mnariver>

Journal Article – Basic Format Print & Online

Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). Title of article [capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun]. *Title of Journal* [italicize all words], *Volume* [italicize], (Issue number), Page Numbers.

Sample Citation - Print

Wong, C., Holroyd-Leduc, J., & Straus, S. (2009, January 21). Does This Patient Have a Pleural Effusion? *JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association*, 301(3), 309-317.

Sample Citation - Online

Braiteh, F., Malik, I. (2008). Pneumopericardium. *Canadian Medical Association*.

Journal, 179(10), 1087. Retrieved from

<http://rvlproxy.mnpals.net/login?url=http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1584150791&sid=1&Fmt=3&clientId=44151&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

Boulet, L. (2008). Influence of obesity on the prevalence and clinical features of asthma. *Clinical & Investigative Medicine*, 31(6), E386-E390. Retrieved from

<http://rvlproxy.mnpals.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=cookie,ip,uid&db=aph&AN=35765187&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

Magazine Article -- Basic Format Print & Online

Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). Title of article

[capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun]. *Title of*

Magazine [italicize all words], Page Numbers.

Sample Citation - Print

Gardner, H. (1981, December). Do babies sing a universal song? *Psychology Today*, pp. 70-76.

Sample Citation – Online

Murphy, A. (2009). Horned Frog Formula. *Sports Illustrated*, 111(14), 46-50. Retrieved from

<http://rvlproxy.mnpals.net/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=cookie,ip,uid&db=aph&AN=44499815&site=ehost-live&scope=site>

Newspaper Article -- Basic Format Print & Online

Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Date of Publication). Title of article

[capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun]. Title of

Newspaper [italicize all words], Page Numbers.

Sample Citation - Print

Lublin, J. S. (1980, December 5). On idle: The unemployed shun much mundane work, at least for a while. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. 1, 25.

Sample Citation - Online

Laflamme, M. (2009, February 1). Inside a sleep clinic. *Sun Journal*, B.1. Retrieved from

<http://rvlproxy.mnpals.net/login?url=http://proquest.umi.com/pqdweb?did=1636470631&sid=2&Fmt=3&clientId=44151&RQT=309&VName=PQD>

Web Page -- Basic Format

According to *APA Publication Manual*, (6th ed.), if available, internet document citations the following information should be included.

Publishing Organization. (Date of Publication – if not available use n.d.). *Title of work or web page*

[capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words]. Retrieved from source.

Sample Citation from government website

Lehman, M. A. & Brown, R. H. (1994). *Intellectual property and the national information*

infrastructure. Retrieved from <http://www.uspto.gov/nii/ipwg.html>

Sample Citation from newspaper website

Federal deficit hits record \$176.4 billion for Oct. as revenues plunge, spending remains high. (12

Nov. 2009). *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Retrieved from <http://www.startribune.com>

Website from Internet Search

the artists.org. (n.d.) Pablo Picasso. Retrieved November 24, 2009, from [http://the-](http://the-artists.org/artist/Pablo-Picasso/)

[artists.org/artist/Pablo-Picasso/](http://the-artists.org/artist/Pablo-Picasso/)

Electronic Sources – Podcast -- Basic Format

Author's Last Name, [space] Author's First and Middle Initial. (Producer). (Date). *Title of podcast*

[capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words] [identify the work]. Podcast retrieved from URL

Sample Citation

Van Nuys, D. (Producer). (2007, December 19). *Shrink rap radio* [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from

<http://www.shrinkradio.com/>

Film/Video/DVD -- Basic Format

Producer's Last Name, [space] Producer's First and Middle Initial. (Producer) & Director's Last

Name, [space] Director's First and Middle Initial (Director). (Date). *Title of work* [capitalize only the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper noun, italicize all words] [format].

Country of origin: Studio.

Sample Citation

Denver Developmental Materials. (Producer). (1990). *Introduction to the Denver II*. [Motion picture]. USA: Denver Developmental Materials.

Personal Communication

According to *APA Publication Manual*, (6th ed.), page 179, these are defined as letters, memos, e-mail, personal interviews and telephone conversations. These should not be included in the reference list and should be cited in the text only.

Sample of in text citation

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The following page is a sample of a reference page. Note that:

- at the top of the page is the word References
- all entries are in alphabetical order
- all entries are double spaced
- note, punctuation, capitalization and italics
- page should include any required page number and headings

References

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