

Citing Sources Using APA Style

Include citations in all research papers. Citations show how your paper ties into other scholarly research and allows you to recognize other scholars for their contributions to your ideas and paper. They give your paper a sense of legitimacy and originality because you are showing your reader your thought process.

There is one basic documentation system within APA Style.

The author-date system uses short in-text citations of the author’s last name and the date of publication. Longer versions of these citations provide more information to the reader on a references page at the back of the paper.

Include page numbers for in-text citations when directly quoting.

Example: (Rowling, 2001, p. 127)

 When it comes to citations and documentation, you should always follow your professor’s instructions. However, there are some instances that are typically formatted the same across the board. If you are unsure whether something should be cited or not, it is always best to over-cite than to under-cite.

Citing Books

Basic information	Author’s Name. (Year of publication). <i>Title of work: Using capital letters also for subtitle</i> . Location: Publisher.
Example	Rowling, J.K. (2001). <i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i> . New York: Scholastic Paperbacks.
E-Book	Author’s Name. (Year of publication). <i>Title of work: Using capital letters also for subtitle</i> . Online publisher. Retrieved from/Available from and give the url. doi: number if available.
Example	Swift, J. (1892). <i>Gulliver’s travels into several remote nations of the world</i> . Project Gutenberg. Retrieved from http://www.gutenberg.org/files/829/829-h/829-h.htm
Kindle Book	Author’s Name. (Year of publication). <i>Title of Work: Using capital letters also for subtitle</i> [e-book version]. Retrieved from and give the url.
Example	Rowling, J.K. (1997). <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone</i> [Kindle DX version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com.
Additional Information	*Use “Retrieved from” when an e-book is available online for free, and “Available from” when the e-book is not directly available online or must be purchased

Citing a Journal Articles

Article in a Print Journal	Author’s Name. (Year of publication). Title of article. <i>Title of Journal, volume number</i> (issue number), page range.
Example	Calvo, M. G., & Lang, P. J. (2004). Gaze patterns when looking at emotional pictures: Motivationally biased attention. <i>Motivation and Emotion</i> , 28 (2), 221–243.

Article in an Online Journal	Author's Name. (Year of publication). Title of article. <i>Title of Journal, volume number</i> (issue number), page range. doi: number if available or Retrieved from and give the URL
Example Using "doi"	Hansen, C. H., & Hansen, R. D. (1988). Finding the face in the crowd: An anger superiority effect. <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 54</i> (4), 917–924. doi:10.1037/0022-3514.54.6.917
Example Using "retrieved from"	Hansen, C. H., & Hansen, R. D. (1988). Finding the face in the crowd: An anger superiority effect. <i>Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, 54</i> , 917–924. Retrieved from http://www.cac.psu.edu/jbe/twocont.html

Citing a Webpage or Web document (non-periodical)

A citation to website content can often be limited to a mention in the text or in a note ("As of July 19, 2008, the McDonald's Corporation listed on its website . . ."). If a more formal citation is desired, it may be styled as in the examples below. Because such content is subject to change, include an access date or, if available, a date that the site was last modified.

Basic Information	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). <i>Title of webpage/document</i> . Retrieved from http://Web address
Example	National Renewable Energy Laboratory. (2008). <i>Biofuels</i> . Retrieved from http://www.nrel.gov/learning/re_biofuels.html
Additional Information	*When an Internet document is more than one Web page, provide a URL that links to the home page or entry page for the document. Also, if there is not a date available for the document use (n.d.) for no date.

Citing an Entire Website

Basic Information	When citing an entire website, a Reference list citation is not necessary. Simply include the main website address in parentheses in-text.
Example	Kidspych is an interactive children's website (http://www.kidspych.org).

Citing a YouTube Video

Basic Information	Author's Name. [Screen Name]. (year, month day). <i>Title of video</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from http://Web address .
Example	Meyer, B. [grav3yardgirl]. (2013, November 4). <i>Miniature happy meal</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from https://youtu.be/ruIRWi21XFo
Additional Information	*If the user's name is not available, include only the screen name and leave out the bracketed version.
Example	grav3yardgirl. (2013, November 4). <i>Miniature happy meal</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from https://youtu.be/ruIRWi21XFo