

APA Citation Style QuickGuide

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 - Publication & retrieval information (e.g., place of publication, publisher name for books; volume and issue numbers for journal articles; a URL or DOI)
- **In-text citations** (columns 1b & 1c below) make abbreviated reference to the complete references in your reference list.
 - Include page numbers only where **specific pages** have been referred to or quoted, e.g. (Smith, 2011, p. 22). See APA section 6.19 for more information.

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Source	1a. References	1b. First Occurrence	1c. Subsequent Citations
Journal article Use this example for a document with a DOI (Refer to table 6.1 on p. 177 and secs. 7.01, APA Manual, and see notes above)	Mousseau, M. (2003). The nexus of market society, liberal preferences, and democratic peace: Interdisciplinary theory and evidence. <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , 47, 483-510. doi:10.1046/j.0020-8833.2003.00276.x	First citation in text Mousseau (2003)	Same
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		First citation in parenthetical format (Hubball & West, 2008)	Same
Journal article (3-5 authors) Use this example for a document retrieved in print, with no DOI (Refer to sec. 7.01, APA Manual, and see notes above)	Gutin, B., Riggs, S., Ferguson, M., & Owens, S. (1999). Description and process evaluation of a physical training program for obese children. <i>Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport</i> , 70(1), 65-69.	First citation in text Gutin, Riggs, Ferguson, and Owens (1999)	Gutin et al. (1999)
		First citation in parenthetical format (Gutin, Riggs, Ferguson, & Owens, 1999)	(Gutin et al., 1999)
Journal article (6-7 authors) Use this example for a document with a DOI (Refer to secs. 6.27, 6.31, & 7.01, APA Manual, and see notes above)	Hinckley, T.M., Brooks, J.R., Cermak, J., Ceulmans, R., Kucera, J., Meinzer, F.C., Roberts, D.A. (1994). Water flux in hybrid poplar stand. <i>Tree Physiology</i> , 14, 1005-1018. doi:10.1093/treephys/14.7-8-9.1005	First citation in text Hinckley et al. (1994)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Hinckley et al., 1994)	Same
Journal article (8 or more authors: list first six authors, then three ellipses, then last author's name) Use this example for a document with a DOI (Refer to secs. 6.27, 6.31, & 7.01, APA Manual, and see notes above)	Ward, R.D., Kellendonk, C., Simpson, E.H., Lipatova, O., Drew, M., Fairhurst, S.,...Balsam, P.D. (2009). Impaired timing precision produced by striatal D2 receptor overexpression is mediated by cognitive and motivational deficits. <i>Behavioral Neuroscience</i> , 123(4), 720-730. doi:10.1037/a0016503	First citation in text Ward et al. (2009)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Ward, et al., 2009)	Same
Magazine article (Refer to secs. 7.01.7 & 7.01.8, APA Manual)	Intini, J. (2009, October 5). Fussing over fonts: Can changing a catalogue font hurt the bottom line? <i>Maclean's</i> , 302(38), 48. Retrieved from http://www.macleans.ca **omit "Retrieved from http://..." statement if not retrieved online**	First citation in text Intini (2009)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Intini, 2009)	Same
Newspaper article (Refer to secs. 7.01.10 & 7.01.11, APA Manual)	Hughes, L. (2006, October 26). Blue-box blues. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> , p. A20. **add "Retrieved from http://..." statement if retrieved online**	First citation in text Hughes (2006, p. A20)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Hughes, 2006, p. A20)	Same

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Book (Refer to sec. 7.02, APA Manual)	Stainton-Rogers, W. (2003). <i>Social psychology: Experimental and critical approaches</i> . Maidenhead, PA: Open University Press.	First citation in text Stainton-Rogers (2003)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Stainton-Rogers, 2003)	Same
Ebook (with group author) (Refer to sec. 7.02, APA Manual)	American Psychological Association. (1985). <i>A hospital practice primer for psychologists</i> . Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. doi:10.1037/10081-000	First citation in text American Psychological Association (APA, 1985, p. 34)	APA (1985, p.34)
		First citation in parenthetical format (American Psychological Association [APA], 1985, p. 34)	(APA, 1985, p.34)
Chapter in an edited book (Refer to sec. 7.02, APA Manual) (Refer to sec. 6.27, APA Manual, for directions on hyphenated first names)	Print book: Li, W.-Y. (1999). Dreams of interpretation in early Chinese historical and philosophical writings. In D. Shulman & G.G. Stroumsa (Eds.), <i>Dream cultures: Explorations in the comparative history of dreaming</i> (pp. 17-42). New York: Oxford University Press. Ebook: Ward, L.M., & Harrison, K. (2005). The impact of media use on girls' beliefs about gender roles, their bodies, and sexual relationships: A research synthesis. In E. Cole & J. Henderson (Eds.), <i>Psychology of Women Book Series: Featuring females: Feminist analyses of media</i> (pp. 3-23). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. doi: 10.1037/11213-001	First citation in text Li (1999)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Li, 1999)	Same
		First citation in text Ward and Harrison (2005, pp. 4-5)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Ward & Harrison, 2005, pp. 4-5)	Same
Book (edition) (Refer to sec. 7.02, APA Manual)	Berry, R.C., & Wong, G.M. (1993). <i>Law and business of the sports industries: Common issues in amateur and professional sports</i> (2 nd ed.). Westport, CT: Praeger.	First citation in text Berry and Wong (1993)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Berry & Wong, 1993)	Same
Edited Book (Refer to sec. 7.02, APA Manual)	Shulman, D., & Stroumsa, G.G. (Eds.). (1999). <i>Dream cultures: Explorations in the comparative history of dreaming</i> . New York: Oxford University Press.	First citation in text Shulman and Stroumsa (1999)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Shulman & Stroumsa, 1999)	Same
Encyclopedia entry (Refer to secs. 7.02.27 & 7.02.29, APA Manual)	Lott, B. (2001). Gender development: Social learning. In <i>Encyclopedia of women and gender</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 537-549). San Diego, CA: Academic Press.	First citation in text Lott (2001)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Lott, 2001)	Same

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Video or DVD (Refer to sec. 7.07, APA Manual)	Fanizza, S. (Producer), Fink, D. (Director/Editor), & Hanlon, T. (Writer). (1997). <i>Flexibility for sport and fitness</i> [Motion picture]. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.	First citation in text Fanizza, Fink, and Hanlon (1997)	Fanizza et al. (1997)
		First citation in parenthetical format (Fanizza, Fink, & Hanlon, 1997)	(Fanizza et al., 1997)
Webpage, no date	Epp, Roger. (n.d.). "New student welcome." <i>University of Alberta Augustana Campus</i> . Retrieved from http://www.augustana.ualberta.ca/offices/dean/studentwelcome.html	First citation in text Epp (n.d., para. 4)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Epp, n.d., para. 3)	Same
Webpage, no author, no date	Borderline personality disorder. (n.d.). Retrieved from http://www.palace.net/~llama/psych/bpd.html	First citation in text Borderline personality disorder (n.d., para. 4)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format ("Borderline personality disorder," n.d., para. 4)	Same
Personal Communications (Refer to sec. 6.20, APA Manual)	APA states "Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list . Cite personal communication in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide as exact date as possible". (APA, 2009, p. 179)	First citation in text J.T. Smith (personal communication, February 24, 2010) stated that government sponsored resources for the homeless in Alberta have deteriorated significantly since 2001.	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format Government sponsored resources for the homeless in Alberta have deteriorated significantly since 2001 (J.T. Smith, personal communication, February 24, 2010).	Same

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