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A Primer for APA Styled Citations and References

Please note this primer is by no means exhaustive. This merely touches on the more common forms of citations and references. For additional detail on the myriad types of sources and how to cite and reference them appropriately see the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th edition, pp. 169-224.

Examples of Frequently Used Citation Formats

Elements of the Citation	Example	Appropriate Use
(author's last name, year)	(Smith, 2010)	Use in-text, to credit the source when you do not use the author's name in the sentence.
(author's last name, year, page)	(Jones, 2010, p. 5)	A variation on the above citation form, used when you are directly quoting the author, but his/her name is not included in the sentence.
Author's last name (year)	. . . Smith (2010) . . .	Use in-text, to credit the source when the author's name appears as part of the sentence.
Author's last name (year, page)	. . . Jones (2010, p. 5) . . .	A variation on the above citation form, used when the author's name is included as part of the sentence.
Author's last name, 2010, (page)	In 2010, Smith found “. . .” (p. 5).	Another variation.
(Author & Author, year)	(Smith & Jones, 2010)	Use the ampersand between the names of 2 authors when they appear between parentheses.
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Type of Reference	Elements to Include	Example
Book with 1 author	Author's last name and initials Year published in parentheses <i>Title of book</i> Location of the publisher: Publisher's name	Fisher, C. (2003). <i>Decoding the ethics code: A practical guide for psychologists</i> . Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
Book with 2 authors	1 st author's last name and initials & 2 nd author's last name and initials	Grissom, R. J., & Kim, J. J. (2005). <i>Effect sizes for research: A</i>

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	Then, follow the example above	<i>broad, practical approach.</i> Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.
Edited book	Author's last name and initials 2 nd author, if needed Year published in parentheses Title of chapter In Editor's initial and last name <i>Title of book</i> Pages written by author Location of the publisher: Publisher's name	Haybron, D. M. (2008). Philosophy and the science of subjective well-being. In M. Eid & R. J. Larsen (Eds.), <i>The science of subjective well-being</i> (pp. 17-43). New York, NY: Guilford Press.
Book with multiple editions	Author's last name and initials Year published in parentheses <i>Title of book</i> (Number of edition) Location of the publisher: Publisher's name	Field, A. (2009). <i>Discovering statistics using SPSS</i> (3 rd ed.). London: Sage.
Journal article	Author's last name and initials Year published in parentheses Title of article <i>Title of Journal</i> <i>Volume number</i> Issue number in parentheses and followed by a comma with NO space after the volume number. Note: For journals that continue the page numbering from one issue to the next, the issue number is not required. Page numbers separated by a hyphen. doi number Note: when the doi number IS available, the reference does NOT end with a period. If the doi number is NOT available, the reference ends WITH a period.	Example of a journal article with an issue number: Scariano, S. M., & Davenport, J. M. (1987). The effects of violations of independence in the one-way ANOVA. <i>American Statistician</i> , 41(2), 123-129. Example of a journal article without an issue number: Hegarty, P., & Buechel, C. (2006). Androcentric reporting of gender differences in APA articles, 1965-2004. <i>Review of General Psychology</i> , 10, 377-389. doi:10.1037/1089-2680.10.4.377