

Examples of APA (American Psychological Association) Citation Style

Parenthetical in-text references

These are usually a combination of author names and publication dates.

Works by a single author

(Devinsky, 2006) [PR]
in 2006, Devinsky stated that

Works by two authors

(West & Atkins, 2004) [PR]
or
in their study, West and Atkins (2004) showed

Works by three or more authors

(Blakesley, Rosen, Bhattacharya & Sousa, 2005)
The first time you cite the resource, list all authors. Subsequently, name only the first author (Blakesley, et al.) “Et al.” is Latin for “and others”
or
in their report, Blakesley, Rosen, Bhattacharya and Sousa (2005) claimed

Works by a corporate author, government agency, professional association, etc.

(Centers for Disease Control [CDC], 2001)
The first time you cite the resource, write out the full name of the association or agency. Subsequently, you may abbreviate the name, as long as you have already used the abbreviation in conjunction with the name, as in this example. (CDC, 2001)

Works with no author listed

(“Student Achievement Markers,” 1999) -- use quotation marks for articles
(*Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*, 2002) – use italics for reports, brochures
Use the first few words of the title of the work (omit initial articles)

* To refer to a particular section of a work, always include a page number. If no page numbers are given, use paragraph numbers (Wood, 2006, ¶ 3) or heading names with paragraph numbers (CDC, 2001, Grants para. 2)

Reference Lists

Print Resources

Encyclopedia

Dassmann, R. F. (1998). Conservation of natural resources. In *The new encyclopedia Britannica* (Vol. 16, pp. 663-686). Chicago: Encyclopedia Britannica.

Book

Simmonds, M. P., & Hutchinson, J. D. (1996). *The conservation of whales and dolphins: Science and practice*. New York: Wiley.

Book with editor

Markyart, T. (Ed.). (2000). *Solar electricity* (2nd ed.). New York: Wiley.

Chapter or Part of a Book

Barker, T. (1998). Large-scale energy-environment-economy modelling of the European Union. In I. Begg & S.G.B. Henry (Eds.), *Applied economics and public policy* (pp. 15-40). New York: Cambridge University Press.

Magazine Article:

McConahay, M. J. (1999, September-October). Save the storks. *Utne Reader*, 95.

Anonymous Magazine Article:

Energy problems in focus. (2001, March 26). *The Oil and Gas Journal*, 99, 19.

Journal Article:

Curnutt, J. L. & Robertson, W. B., Jr. (1994). Bald eagle nest site characteristics in south Florida. *The Journal of Wildlife Management*, 58(2), 218-222.

Electronic Resources

Encyclopedia

Dassmann, R. F. (1998). Conservation. Retrieved December 20, 2000, from <http://www.britannica.com>

Magazine Article found using a library database

MacKay, K. (1999, May). Sierra bighorns need protection. *National Parks*, 12. Retrieved July 30, 2003, from Academic Search Premier database.

Anonymous Magazine Article

The mayor throws a lifeline. (2003, May 10). *The Economist*, 367, 26-27. Retrieved July 30, 2003, from Academic Search Premier database.

Journal Article

Lambsdorff, J. G. (2002). How confidence facilitates illegal transactions: An empirical approach. *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 61(4), 829-853. Retrieved July 30, 2003, from Business Source Elite database.

Articles or documents found on a web site, not using a library database

Downs, A. (1998, Fall). How America cities are growing: The big picture. *Brookings Reviews*, 8-12. Retrieved December 20, 2000, from <http://www.policy.com/issues/14/item83.asp>

United States Sentencing Commission. (n.d.). *1997 sourcebook of federal sentencing statistics*. Retrieved December 8, 1999, from <http://www.ussc.gov/annrpt/1997/sbtoc97.htm>

* If directing readers to an entire web site, just give the URL in the text:

Valuable information can be found on Electronic Policy Network (<http://www.epn.org>).

Notice that the electronic information follows a pattern:

Library database: Retrieved {Date}, from {database name}

Web Site: Retrieved {Date}, from {URL}

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