

This guide will briefly explain the most important and common aspects of the APA citation style. The following pages explain how to properly document the most common sources you might use in an academic research paper. There are several irregularities that demand your attention when using APA:

- The titles of books and articles should contain all **lowercase** letters except for the first word in the title, the first word after a colon, and any proper nouns. Titles of books and journals should be in *italics*.
- The author's name includes only the last name and initials.
- In a text where no date is listed, the abbreviation "n.d." should appear in its place.

### **Journal Articles:**

#### **One Author with Digital Object Identifier (DOI):**

Author (year of publication). Title of article. *Name of Journal*, volume number, Page #s. doi: xxxxxxxxxx

Natharius, D. (2004). The more we know, the more we see: The role of visuality in media literacy.

*American Behavioral Scientist*, 48, 238-247. Doi: 10.1177/0002764204267269

NOTE: The in-text citation for this source could be (Natharius, 2004, p. 239).

#### **Two Authors with no DOI assigned paginated by issue:**

Sillick, T. J., & Schutte, N. S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap>.

NOTE:

- The in-text citation for this source could be (Sillick & Schutte, 2006, p. 42).
- Include the issue number if the journal is paginated by issue: *volume(issue)*
- If there is no DOI assigned and the source was retrieved online, give the URL of the journal homepage.
- **No retrieval date is needed.**
- When a source has **up to seven authors**, spell out all authors' names in the reference list but use the following in-text citation: (Gilbert et al., 2004).

### **Newspapers and Magazines:**

#### **Magazine Article:**

Author(s) (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Publication*. Volume(issue) if given, pages of the Article in magazine.

Chamberlin, J., Novotney, A., Packard, E., & Price, M. (2008, May). Enhancing worker well-being:

Occupational health psychologists convene to share their research on work, stress, and health.

*Monitor on Psychology*, 39(5), 26-29.

**Online Magazine Article:**

Clay, R. (2008, June). Science vs. ideology: Psychologists fight back about the misuse of research.

*Monitor on Psychology*, 39(6). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

**Newsletter Article with no author:**

Six sites meet for comprehensive anti-gang initiative conference. (2006, November/December).

*OJJDP News @ a Glance*. Retrieved from [http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/news\\_at\\_glance/216684/topstory.html](http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojjdp/news_at_glance/216684/topstory.html)

**NOTE:**

- If article has no named author, date of publication goes after the title of article.
- References with no author are alphabetized in reference list by first significant word of title in the article.
- The in-text citation for this source would be ("Six sites meet for . . . conference," 2006). Online sources often do not have page numbers so no page is included)

**Newspaper Article:**

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp.

A1, A4.

**NOTE:**

- Precede page numbers for newspaper articles with p. or pp.
- If an article appears on discontinuous pages, give all page numbers, and separate the pages with a comma (pp. B1, B3, B5-7).

**Online Newspaper Article:**

Brody, J. E. (2007, December 11). Mental reserves keep brain agile. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from

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

NOTE: Give the URL of the home page of a source when the online version of the article is available by search to avoid nonworking URLs.

**Books:**

Author(s) (Year of Publication). *Title of book*. Place of publication: Publisher.

Gunaratana, B. H. (2002). *Mindfulness in plain English*. Boston: Wisdom Publications.

**NOTE:**

- If referencing a section from an authored book, insert title of section or chapter after the year and include page numbers after the publisher.

- If a book is an edition other than the first, indicate the edition number in parenthesis after the title of the book (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.).
- The in-text citation for this could be (Gunnaratana, 2002, pp. 129-130). Must include page numbers when citing from a paginated book.

**Other Complete Book references:**

**Online:**

Author(s) (Year of Publication). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>.

Author(s) (Year of Publication). *Title of work*. doi: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Edited book:**

Editor's Name (Ed.). (Year of Publication). *Title of work*. Location: Publisher.

**Chapter or section from an edited book:**

Author(s) of section referenced (Year of Publication). Title of chapter or section. In Editor(s) of book (Eds.). *Title of book* (pp. of section referenced). Location: Publisher.

**NOTE:**

- If the section comes from an online book, follow pages with Retrieved from <http://URL>
- If the book has a DOI, follow publisher with doi: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- If there are no page numbers, the chapter or section title is sufficient.

**An entry in a print reference work with no by-line:**

Title of entry. (Year). In Editor (Ed.) if named. *Title of reference work* (xxedition., Vol. xx, p.xx).

Location: Publisher.

Heuristic. (1997). In *The American heritage college dic-tion-ar-y*. (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., p. 638). Boston:

Houghton-Mifflin.

**An entry in an online reference work:**

Graham, G. (2005). Behaviorism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Fall

2007 ed.). Retrieved from <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/behaviorism/>

**An entry in an online reference work with no author or editor:**

Heuristic. (n.d.) In *Merriam-Webster's online dictionary* (11<sup>th</sup> ed.). Retrieved from <http://www.m-w.com/>

dictionary/heuristic

**Government or Corporate Reports:**

**Government Report, Corporate Author:**

Author. (Year of Publication). *Title of work* (Report No. XXXXX). Location: Publisher.

U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. (2003). *Managing Asthma: A guide for schools* (NIH Publication No. 02-2650). Retrieved from [http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth\\_sch.pdf](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/prof/lung/asthma/asth_sch.pdf).

**NOTE:**

- If the issuing organization assigned a number (e.g. report number, contract number, monograph number) to the report, give that number in parenthesis immediately after the title.
- If a report comes from the U. S. Government Printing Office, list the publisher location and name as Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office.

American Psychological Association, Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls. (2007). *Report of the APA Task Force on the Sexualization of Girls*. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/pi/wpo/sexualization.html>.

NOTE: For reports retrieved online, identify the publisher as part of the retrieval statement unless the publisher has been identified as the author: Retrieved from Agency Name website: <http://www.XXXX>.

**Authored report from non-governmental organization:**

Kessy, S. S. A., & Urrio, F. M. (2006). *The contribution of microfinance institutions to poverty reduction in Tanzania* (Research Report No. 06.3). Retrieved from Research on Poverty Alleviation website: [http://www.repoa.or.tz/documents\\_storage/Publications/Reports/06.3\\_Kessy\\_and\\_Urrio.pdf](http://www.repoa.or.tz/documents_storage/Publications/Reports/06.3_Kessy_and_Urrio.pdf).

**Reviews:****Review of a Book:**

Reviewer (Year). Title of review [Review of the book *Title of book*, by Author name]. *Title of complete work, volume, pages*.

Schatz, B. R. (2000, November 17). Learning by text or context? [Review of the book *The social life of information*, By J. A. Brown & P. Duguid]. *Science*, 290.1304. doi:10.1126/science.290-5495.1304

**Review of a video:**

Axelman, A. & Shapiro, J. L. (2007). Does the solution warrant the problem? [Review of the DVD *Brief therapy with adolescents*, produced by the American Psychological Association, 2007]. *PsyCRITIQUES*. 52(51). doi: 10.1037/a0009036.

**Peer commentary on an article:**

Wolf, K. S. (2005). *The future for deaf individuals is not that bleak* [Peer commentary on the paper "Decrease of deaf potential in a mainstreamed environment" by K. S. Wolf]. Retrieved from <http://www.personalityresearch.org/hall.html#wolf>

**Audiovisual Media:****A Movie:**

Name of Producer, a. a. (Producer), & Name of Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion Picture]. Country of Origin: Studio.

Poll, M. (Producer), & Harvey, A. (Director). (2001). *The Lion in Winter* [Motion Picture]. United States: MGM Home Entertainment.

**A Video:**

American Psychological Association (Producer). (2000). *Responding therapeutically to patient expressions of sexual attraction* [DVD]. Available from <http://www.apa.org/videos>.

**A Podcast:**

Van Nuys, D. (Producer). (2007, December 19). *Shrink rap radio* [Audio Podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.shrinkrapradio.com/>

**A Musical Recording:**

Lang, k. d. (2008). Shadow and the frame. On *Watershed* [CD]. New York, NY: Nonesuch records.

**NOTE:**

- In-text citation includes side and band or track numbers: "Shadow and the Frame" (Lang, 2008, track 10).

**Single episode from a TV Series:**

Egan, D. (Writer), & Alexander, J. (Director). (2005). Failure to communicate [Television series episode]. In D. Shore (Executive Producer), *House*. New York, NY: Fox Broadcasting.

**Internet Message Boards, Electronic Mailing Lists, and other online communities:**

Author (Year, Month Day). Title of post [Description of form]. Retrieved from <http://www.XXXXXXX>

**NOTES:**

- If the author's full name is available, list the last name first followed by initials. If only a screen name is available, use the screen name.
- Provide the exact date of the posting.

- Follow the date with the subject line of the message (also referred to as the “thread”); do not italicize it. Provide a description of the message in brackets after the title.
- Include the information “Retrieved from” followed by the URL where the message can be retrieved. Include the name of the list to which the message was posted, if this is not part of the URL.
- Provide the address for the archived version of the message.

**Message posted to online forum:**