Citing Sources in APA Style

The American Psychological Association citation style is among the most widely used in academic institutions. For a research paper in psychology, education, or another social science, APA style will be the right choice for citing sources.

Information below was taken from the following APA style manual:
The manual is located in the reference section of the OIT library; its call number is: REF Z253.P83 2010.

For updates on this citation format, especially for documenting electronic sources, consult APA website: http://www.apastyle.org.

Reference List

The Reference list is located at the end of the paper and contains complete citations of all the works used by the researcher. It should provide enough information about each source for it to be found by a reader. To make works on the list easier to find, all entries are arranged in alphabetical order by the last name of the author, editor or translator. If creators’ names are not available, the citation is started with the title of the work. Initial articles (A, An, or The) are ignored in alphabetizing.

APA style requires that the Reference list be double-spaced, and that entries have a hanging indent. It means that all entries should begin flush left, and the second and subsequent lines should be indented.

Examples of entries:

Electronic Sources

Document from a web site with one author and a date:
Note: Only the first word of the title or a subtitle is capitalized.

Stand-alone document with no author and no date:

Electronic book:

Scholarly journal article from a library database:
Note: DOI (digital object identifier) should be included if available.

Note: If no DOI is available, the URL of journal publishers’ web site is provided instead.

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Online magazine article from the Internet:

Electronic version of U.S. government report:

### Articles from Periodicals

**Journal articles with the number of authors from one to seven:**

*Note:* Both journal title and volume number are italicized.


*Note:* Only the first word of the article title or a subtitle is capitalized; all words in a journal title are capitalized.

**Journal articles with eight and more authors:**

*Note:* The sixth author’s name is followed by ellipsis and the final author’s name.

**Magazine article:**

*Note:* Required publication information is the month for monthly publications, and month and date for the weekly ones. Issue number is added for journals paginated separately by issue.

**Newspaper article:**

**Full text journal article from a library database:**

*Note:* If there is no DOI provided, the URL of the journal publisher is submitted instead.

**Full text newspaper article from a library database:**

### Books

**Book with one or more authors:**

*Note:* Only the first word of the title or a subtitle is capitalized.


*Note:* State abbreviations are required for publication information.


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Note: For eight and more authors, use “et al.” after the name of the sixth author.

Book with a corporate author:

Note: In case of a professional organization being the author, the name of the organization is repeated twice: as the author, and as the publisher.

Edited book:

Book with no author or editor:
Columbus world travel guide. (2005). Kent, United Kingdom: Highbury Columbus Travel Publications.

Chapter from a book:

Note: Book authors/editors’ names are not inverted.

Entry from a print encyclopedia or dictionary:

Entry from an online encyclopedia or dictionary:

Government publication:

Review of a book:

Note: Brackets are used to identify the material being reviewed: book, motion picture, television program, etc.

Other types of sources

Motion picture:

Personal interview:
Personal interviews and other types of personal communication (group discussions, telephone conversations, electronic bulletin boards, etc.) are not mentioned in the References list.

In-Text (Parenthetical) Citations

APA style uses the author-date in-text system of citation: author’s last name and the year of publication are placed in parentheses immediately after the cited material. For direct citations, some paraphrases, a specific illustration, table or part of text, a page number is given as well.

Examples:
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