

APA 7th Edition Quick Style Guide

Full Citations by Format

Full citation formatting for common publication types are listed below. For a full list of publication types see Publication Manual for the American Psychological Association, 7th edition, located in Course Reserves in the library.

Journal Article from a Periodical (Journal, magazine, or newspaper)

Format:	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year). Title of article. <i>Name of Periodical</i> , volume(issue), page range. https://doi.org/xxxx Note: Include DOI if present
Example:	Chen, M. (2019). Hate was not a winning ticket. <i>Dissent</i> , 66(1), 70–72. https://doi.org/10.1353/dss.2019.0011

Book and Reference Work

Format:	Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Copyright Year). <i>Title of book</i> (x ed.). Publisher. DOI or URL Note: Include DOI if present
Example:	Buikema, R., Buyse, A., & Robben, A. (2019). <i>Cultures, citizenship and human rights</i> . Taylor & Francis. http://www.oopen.org/download/?type=document&docid=1006489

Webpage from a Website with a Group Author

Format:	Author(s). (Date). <i>Title of work</i> . http://webpageURL
Example:	Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020, January 31). <i>Diabetes and our heart</i> . https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/library/features/diabetes-and-heart.html

Webpage from a Website with an Individual Author

Format:	Author(s). (Date). <i>Title of work</i> . Retrieved from http://webpageURL
Example:	Lugo, D. (2016). <i>Virus infected plants and more alluring to bumble bees</i> . American Association for the Advancement of Science. https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/08/virus-infected-plants-are-more-alluring-bumble-bees

YouTube Video or Other Streaming Video

Format:	Contributor(s). (Date). <i>Video title</i> [Video]. Streaming video service. URL
Example:	Green, J. (2015, July 22). <i>Paper towns and why learning is awesome</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqDGlcxYrhQ

How to Create a Reference When Information is Missing

You may come across references missing elements of the traditional citation. Use this table to create the reference.

Missing element	Solution	Reference list entry	In-text citation
Nothing – all elements present	Provide author, date, title, and source of the work.	Author, (Date). Title. Source	(Author, year) Author (year)
Author	Provide the title, date and source.	Title. (Date). Source.	(Title, year) Title (year)
Date	Provide the author, write “n.d.” for “no date,” and then provide the title and source.	Author. (n.d.). Title. Source.	(Author, n.d.) Author (n.d.)
Title	Provide the author and date, describe the work in square brackets, and then provide the source.	Author. (Date). [Description of work]. Source.	(Author, year) Author (year)
Author and date	Provide the title, write “n.d.” for “no date,” and then provide the source.	Title. (n.d.) Source.	(Title, n.d.) Title (n.d.)
Author and title	Describe the work in square brackets, write “n.d.” for “no date,” and then provide the source.	[Description of work]. (Date). Source.	([Description of work], year) [Description of work] (year)
Date and title	Provide the author, write “n.d.” for “no date,” and then provide the source.	Author. (n.d.). [Description of work]. Source.	(Author, n.d.) Author (n.d.)
Author, date, and title	Describe the work in square brackets, write “n.d.” for “no date,” and then provide the source.	[Description of work]. (n.d.). Source.	([Description of work], n.d.) [Description of work] (n.d.)
Source	Cite as a personal communication or find another work to cite.	No reference list entry	(C.C. communicator, personal communication, month day, year)

In-Text Citations: Basic In-Text Citation Styles

The format of the in-text citation varies based on the number of authors. See table below.

Author Type	Parenthetical Citation	Narrative Citation
One author	(Totura, 2019)	Totura (2019)
Two authors	(Bandelay & Herrera, 2020)	Bandelay and Herrera (2020)
Three or more authors	(Ligier et al., 2020)	Ligier et al. (2020)
Group author with abbreviation First citation*	(Center for Disease Control [CDC], 2020)	Center for Disease Control (CDC, 2020)
Subsequent citations	(CDC, 2020)	CDC (2020)
Group author without abbreviation	(University of Rochester, 2020)	University of Rochester (2020)

*Define the abbreviation for a group author once in the text, using either the parenthetical or narrative format. Thereafter, use the abbreviation for all mentions of the group in the text.

Rules and explanations are taken from:

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.).

Find more rules and source forms for reference list and in-text citations at the APA Guide at Purdue OWL: owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/using_research/citation_style_chart.html