

Citation Help-APA 6th Edition

Writing a research paper requires citing the sources (books, articles, websites, etc.) that were used to support the information and arguments proposed within the paper. Every writer will cite their sources **at least** twice in their papers; the first will be the in-text citation (and any subsequent references to the same work), and the second will be in the References list at the end of the paper. Learning to properly cite sources is a learning process that becomes easier with practice.



Who uses APA style?

APA style is a method to cite sources in the fields of social sciences, business, and nursing.

Why do we cite sources?

We cite sources to help the reader verify the writer's credibility. We also cite sources to acknowledge the work of others. APA uses the author-date method of citing information in-text.

What are in-text citations?

In-text citations are:

- References that appear within the text of the paper that are either;
 - "direct quotes", or
 - paraphrased.
- Every reference that is cited in the paper **must be** listed in the References at the end of the paper.

How do I cite sources in my paper?

Refer to the following examples of how to properly cite sources in a research paper and in the References list. When using an author's text, word-for-word, text must be presented in "quotes" in the paper along with the author's last name, publication date, and page number. The source author's last name, publication date, and page number must also be provided when paraphrasing the author's ideas.

Quoting Directly (Books, articles)*

"A number of factors influence eyewitness memory by affecting how the event is initially encoded or by affecting (or infecting, as it turns out) the memory while it's in storage" (Robinson-Riegler & Robinson-Riegler, 2004, p. 259).

OR

Robison-Riegler and Robinson-Riegler (2004) state, "A number of factors influence eyewitness memory by affecting how the event is initially encoded or by affecting (or infecting, as it turns out) the memory while it's in storage" (p.259).

*When the quoted text is comprised of 40 or more words, this text must be presented in a block of text without quotation marks.

Citation Help-APA 6th Edition

Paraphrasing (Books, articles)

According to the APA Publication Manual, when paraphrasing writers are *encouraged* to provide a page or paragraph number. Therefore the decision to provide page numbers when paraphrasing rests with the writer. Refer to the class syllabus to determine the instructor's preferred method of citation when paraphrasing.

Eyewitness memories are influenced by numerous factors from the moment they are encoded and stored (Robinson-Riegler & Robinson-Riegler, 2004, p. 259).

OR

Robinson-Riegler and Robinson-Riegler (2004) note eyewitness memories are influenced by numerous factors from the moment they are encoded and stored (p. 259).

Quoting Directly (Web-based publications with or without authors, and page numbers--non-periodical websites)

Provide as much retrieval information as possible when citing the Web. Citations should all contain all or most of the following elements: **author's name, date, title of item, publication information, and retrieval information.**

Author

- List the author's name if given.
- If no author is given, cite the website host as the author.

Date

- List the year the item was published if given.
- If no publication date is given, use the date the site was last updated.
- If there is no publication date, or last updated date, use n.d. for no date.

Page numbers

- If paragraph numbers are visible, use these in place of page numbers.
- If the document includes headings, cite the heading and paragraph number.
- If there are no visible paragraph numbers, number the paragraphs.
- Use the abbreviation para. for paragraph numbers.

Example:

Born (1997) summarizes Loftus' approach to recovery of repressed memories as one of responsible skepticism, "She encourages therapists to explore each individual case on credibility, motives, timing, and potential for suggestion, in order to make a clear assessment of what the mental product really means" (Overview of Theory, para. 5).

Citation Help-APA 6th Edition

DOI

Electronic items, including articles retrieved via a library database, must include the article DOI (Digital Object Identifier) in the reference. The citation should include the periodical homepage URL, if an electronic journal, magazine, or newspaper does not have a DOI. References no longer need to include any database retrieval information. However, do include retrieval dates if the source material may change over time.

Reference List Examples

Book

Robinson-Riegler, G. & Robinson-Riegler, B. (2004). *Cognitive Psychology: Applying the Science of the Mind*. Boston: Pearson.

Book Chapter

Dryden, W. & Palmer, S. (1997). Individual Counseling. In S. Palmer and G. McMahon (Eds.), *Handbook of Counselling* (pp. 39-57). London: Routledge.

Encyclopedia entry (Author)

Murray, P. (2008). Boyer, Jean-Pierre. In J. Kinsburner & E. D. Langer (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Latin American History & Culture* (2nd ed., Vol.1, pp. 676-677). Detroit: Gale.

Encyclopedia entry (No Author)

Guinea. (2001). In S. Dickey, W. H. Harmer, D. Riddle, J. M. York, & R. Runchock (Eds.), *Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations: Africa* (10th ed., Vol. 2, pp. 228-239). Detroit: Gale.

Journal with DOI

Ghetti, S. (2008). Processes underlying developmental reversals in false-memory formation: Comment on Brainerd, Reyna, and Ceci (2008). *Psychological Bulletin*, 134(5), 764-767. doi:dx.doi.org/10.1017/0033-2909.134.5.764

Journal with no DOI

Newman, E., & Lindsay, S. (2009). False memories: What the hell are they for? *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 23(8), 1105-1121. Retrieved February 9, 2010, from <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/4438/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0>.

Magazine Article (Print)

Adler, J., Gray, E., & Kliff, S. (2009, April 20). In the grip of the unknown. *Newsweek*, 153(16), 43-47.

Magazine Article (Online)

Adler, J., Gray, E., & Kliff, S. (2009, April 20). In the grip of the unknown. *Newsweek*, 153(16). Retrieved from <http://www.newsweek.com>

Newspaper Article (Print)

Saul, S. (2008, October 8). Experts conclude Pfizer manipulated studies. *The New York Times*, p. B4.

Newspaper Article (Online)

Saul, S. (2008, October 8). Experts conclude Pfizer manipulated studies. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

Article on the Web

Born, C. (1997). *Elizabeth Loftus*. Retrieved February 9, 2010, from <http://muskingum.edu/~psych/psycweb/history/loftus.htm>