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Books & eBooks

Basic Format (6.11)

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Author, A. A. (Year of Publication). Title of work: Subtitle of work. Place of Publication: Publisher.

In-text
Direct Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year, Page or Paragraph number)
Indirect Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year)

Book, Single Author (6.11)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote The conclusion reached in a recent study (Cochrane, 2007) was that...

Book, Organization as Author (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote The author, (American Psychological Association, 2010) noted ...

Comment
• When the author and publisher are the same, use the word Author as the name of the publisher in the reference.

Book, Two Authors (6.11)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote When considering the Howard Government’s Indigenous health expenditure, Palmer and Short (2010) maintain that...
**Book, Three to Five Authors (6.11)**

**Reference**  

**In-text**  
First Quote  
In a recent study, Seeley, VanPutte, Regan, & Russo (2011) concluded that...

Subsequent Quote  
It was reported by Seeley et al. (2011) that ....

**Comments**  
- For the first in-text citation, list all the authors, and then use the first author’s last name followed by ‘et al.’ for subsequent citations.

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**Book, Six to Seven Authors (6.11)**

**Reference**  

**In-text**  
Direct Quote  
“The Russian Revolution may never have succeeded if there hadn’t already been widespread discontent among the Russian populace” (Bulliet et al., 2005, p. 768).

**Comments**  
- For all in-text citations, list only the first author’s last name followed by ‘et al.’ All authors are included in the Reference List.

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**Book, Edited (6.27)**

**Reference**  

**In-text**  
Indirect Quote  
In discussing best practices, Zairi (1999) identified...

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**Book, Second or Later Edition (6.28)**

**Reference**  

**In-text**  
Indirect Quote  
Peters (2001) argued that ...

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Book, Edited with Chapters and Author (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote  A discussion about Australia’s place in today’s world (Richards, 1997) included reference to...

Book, No Author (6.15)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote  (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 1993)

Comments
- When a work has no author, cite in text the first few words of the title and the year.
- Use double quotation marks around the title of an article, chapter, or a web page.
- Italicize the title of a periodical, book, brochure, or report.

Encyclopedia Entry (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote  (Lott, 2001)

Brochure, Electronic (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote  (Elections Nova Scotia, 2013)
eBook without DOI (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote We found helpful information about deaf children (Niemann, Greenstein, & David, 2004) that meant we could...

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eBook with DOI (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Schiraldi, 2001)

Comments
- The e-read book type is put in square brackets (e.g. Kindle, Adobe Digital Editions, EPub, HTML).
- If the book was read or acquired through an online library (e.g. Google Books, ebrary, NetLibrary, MyiLibrary) and not on an e-reader device, omit the bracketed information from the reference.

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Secondary Sources

Reference

In text
In Warkinton’s study, (as cited in Roberts, Jones & Munroe, 2014), children’s cognitive growth and development ...

OR
Roberts, Jones & Munroe (2014) examined Warkinton’s study on children’s cognitive growth and development.

Comments
- APA recommends avoiding secondary sources; however, if it is not possible to find the original work, use the secondary source.
- In the example, acknowledge the original work in the text (Warkinton’s study). Provide a citation for the secondary source by Roberts, Jones & Munroe (the source you have in hand) in the reference list.
Journal Articles

Basic Format (7.01)

Reference with DOI

Reference without DOI

In-text
Direct Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year, Page or Paragraph number)
Indirect Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year)

Journal Article with DOI (7.01)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote In a study examining priming (Johns & Mewhort, 2009) discovered ...

Journal Article without DOI (7.01)

Reference
Use URL of journal home page

Use URL of database (where there is no journal home page)

In-text
Direct Quote "Primary care is one area marked for improvement" (Purtilo, 1995, p. 111).
Magazines & Newspaper Articles

Basic Format (7.01)

Reference with DOI
Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year, Month Day or Season of Publication). Title of article. Title of Magazine or Newspaper, volume number(issue number), page range.
doi:0000000/000000000000

Reference without DOI
Author, A. (Year, Month Day or Season of Publication). Title of article. Title of Online Magazine or Newspaper, volume number(issue number), page range. Retrieved from http://www.homepage of magazine.com/

In-text
Direct Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year, Page or Paragraph number)
Indirect Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year)

Magazine Article, Print (7.01)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote The notion of a Bill of Rights may be inappropriate in the Australian context

Newspaper Article, Retrieved from a Database (7.02)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote In an attempt to save the tiger, Darby (2002) provided ...

Newspaper Article, Print (7.01)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (McKenna, 2011)
Websites, Internet Message Boards, Electronic Mailing Lists & Social Media

Basic Format

In-text
Direct Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year, Page or Paragraph number)
Indirect Quote (Author’s Last Name, Year)

Website, Entire (7.11)

In-text
KidsPsych is a wonderful interactive website for children (http://www.kidspsych.org).

Comments
• When citing an entire website or page, and not any document in particular on that website, it is sufficient to give the address of the site in the text (no reference list entry is needed).

Website, Organization or Government (7.11)

Reference

In-text
Direct Quote (American Kennel Club, 1994, para. 6)

Website, No Author or Date (7.11)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote ("Egyptian cobra," n.d.)

Comments
• When no date is provided, use the abbreviation “n.d.”
Facebook Page or Note (7.11)

Reference
Ende, R. [Rein]. (2016, October 8). Traditional Estonian cooking and eating [Facebook page].
Retrieved October 19, 2016, from https://www.facebook.com/groups/estoniancooking/

In-text
Indirect Quote When sharing a recipe, an ingredient is often left out on purpose (Ende, 2016).

Comments
• Provide a retrieval date for references when the content changes over time, such as for non-archived social media pages.

Twitter Update or Tweet (7.11)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Obama, 2009)

Comments
• The user’s real name, if known, is provided first in the format Author, A. A., followed by the screen name in brackets.
• If only the screen name is known, provide it without brackets.

Wikipedia (7.01)

Reference

In-text
Direct Quote In the 17th and early 18th centuries, "Canada" referred to the part of New France that lay along the St. Lawrence River" (“Canada,” n.d., para. 6).

Blog post (7.11)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote The plight of the flapper skate was recently highlighted (Keim, 2009) ...
Audiovisual Media (Includes motion pictures, audio/television broadcasts, maps, artwork, photography)

Basic Format: Films (DVDs, Video Files, Video Recordings)

Producer, A. A. (Producer), & Director, B. B. (Director). (Year). Title of motion picture [Format].


In-text
Indirect Quote (Producer & Director, Year)

DVD (7.07)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Colson & Boyle, 2008)

Videos, Online (Streaming Videos) (7.07)

Reference
Impress at job interviews: Cutting edge communications success at work series [Video file].


In-text
Indirect Quote (Impress at job interviews, 2014)

Comments
• Italicize the title of a video or DVD.

Videos, Online (YouTube, Vimeo) (7.07)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Apsolon, 2011)

Comments
• To help with retrieval, the person who posted the video appears in the author position.
• On YouTube, the screen name is most prominent. Include both the real name and the screen name when available. If the user’s real name is not available, include only the screen name, without brackets.
Basic Format: Music (7.07)
Composer, A. A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by B. B. Artist if different from composer]. On *Title of album* [Medium of recording: CD, cassette, podcast, etc.]. Place of publication: Label. (Recording date if different from song copyright date).

In-text
Indirect Quote (Composer, year)

Music (7.07)
Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Mitchell, 1974)

Basic Format: Television Series, Single Episode (7.07)

In-text
Indirect Quote (Writer & Director, year)

Television Series, Single Episode (7.07)
Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Halley & Johnson, 2000)

Television Program – Broadcast (7.07)
Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Kimball, 2009)

Comments:
- Check the television station's website and use the transcript, if one is available for direct quotes.
Work of Art (7.07)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Thompson, 1915)

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Image, Online (7.07)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Nishinaga, 2007)

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Photograph, Online (7.07)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Vernon, 2009)

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Basic Format: Map, Chart, Figure, Table, Graph (7.07)

Author, A. (Date). *Title* [Format]. Scale. Place of publication: Publisher.

In-text
Indirect Quote (Author, Year)

Comments
- Cite each of these as you would for a book with the type of entry or format in square brackets immediately after the title.

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Map, Single (7.07)

Reference


In-text
Indirect Quote (Bujak & Donohoe, 1980)
Map, Online (7.07)

Reference

In-text
Indirect Quote (Natural Resources Canada, 2011)

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Personal Communication (Includes letters, emails, personal interviews, telephone conversations, memos, instant messenger, Skype)

In-text (K. L. Brennan, personal communication, July 2, 2010)

Comments (6.20)
- Cite personal communications in text only. Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list.
Start the reference list on a new page, center the title “References” and alphabetize the entries by the surname of the author. If no author is provided, move the title into the author position. Use a hanging indent and double-space all entries. Do not include personal communications in the reference list.
In-text Citations: Sample Paper

Gray wrote (as cited in Richard, 1997, p. 4) “no other coal-field in North America has the drift origin characteristics possessed by the Albion-Stellarton coal seams.” The thickness of the coal seams varies, and it changes from being clean to being mixed with shale. Gray also noted (as cited in Richard, 1997, p. 6) that it is “carbonaceous, gaseous, and prone to spontaneous combustion.”

During the first two years of the war, the coal industry was in decline (Earle, 2001). The Quebec markets were disrupted when ships for carrying coal were reassigned to helping with the war effort. Cheaper coal from the United States flooded the markets of central Canada. Output increased in late 1915 when Canadian steel plants began manufacturing munitions (Ryan, 1992).

Corresponding Reference List: Sample Paper

