

# APA CITATION STYLE GUIDE (6th ed.)

The **American Psychological Association** (APA) style is often used when writing research papers and documenting information sources in the social sciences.

It is highly recommended to consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 6th ed., 2010 for additional information on APA style. Copies of the APA Publication Manual are located at your campus library. You can also refer to the **APA Subject Guide** (<http://subjectguides.nsc.ca/APA>) located on the Library Services website and/or library staff for further assistance.

APA recommends the use of Times New Roman, 12-font.

The chapter and section from the APA Manual is provided, i.e., (7.02).

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## Books & eBooks

### Basic Format (6.11)

#### Reference

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)

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### Book, Single Author (6.11)

#### Reference

Cochrane, A. (2007). *Understanding urban policy: A critical approach*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

#### In-text

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

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### Book, Organization as Author (7.02)

#### Reference

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

#### 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.
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### Book, Two Authors (6.11)

#### Reference

Palmer, G. R., & Short, S. D. (2010). *Health care and public policy: An Australian analysis* (4th ed.). South Yarra, VIC: Palgrave Macmillan.

#### In-text

Indirect Quote When considering the Howard Government's Indigenous health expenditure, Palmer and Short (2010) maintain that...

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**Book, Three to Five Authors (6.11)****Reference**

Seeley, R., VanPutte, C., Regan, J., & Russo, A. (2011). *Seeley's anatomy & physiology*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill.

**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.

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

Bulliet, R. W., Crossley, P. K., Headrick, D. R., Hirsch, S. W., Johnson, L. L., & Northrup, D. (2011). *The earth and its peoples: A global history* (5th ed.). Boston, MA: Wadsworth.

**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.

**Book, Edited (6.27)****Reference**

Zairi, M. (Ed.). (1999). *Best practice: Process innovation management*. Oxford, England: Butterworth-Heinemann.

**In-text**

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

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

Peters, T. (2001). *The elements of counselling* (2nd ed.). Brisbane, Australia: Macmillan.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote Peters (2001) argued that ...

**Book, Edited with Chapters and Author (7.02)****Reference**

Richards, K. C. (1997). Views on globalization. In H. L. Vivaldi (Ed.), *Australia in a global world* (pp. 29-43). North Ryde, Australia: Century.

**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**

*Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary* (10th ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

**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**

Lott, B. (2001). Gender development: Social learning. In *Encyclopedia of women and gender* (Vol. 1, pp. 537-549). San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote            (Lott, 2001)

**Brochure, Electronic (7.02)****Reference**

Elections Nova Scotia. (2013, March 31). *How do I get on the Nova Scotia list of electors* [Brochure]? Retrieved from <http://electionsnovascotia.ca/about/brochures>

**In-text**

Indirect Quote            (Elections Nova Scotia, 2013)

**eBook without DOI (7.02)****Reference**

Niemann, S., Greenstein, D., & David, D. (2004). *Helping children who are deaf: Family and community support for children who do not hear well*. Retrieved from [http://www.hesperian.org/publications\\_download\\_deaf.php](http://www.hesperian.org/publications_download_deaf.php)

**In-text**

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

**eBook with DOI (7.02)****Reference**

Schiraldi, G. R. (2001). *The post-traumatic stress disorder sourcebook: A guide to healing, recovery, and growth* [Adobe Digital Editions version]. doi:10.1036/0071393722

**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.

**Secondary Sources****Reference**

Roberts, M., Jones, R. L., & Munroe, N. (2014). Children and cognition and the development of language. *Psychological Reports, 19*(7), 412-419.

**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

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Year of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, volume number(issue number), page range. doi:0000000/000000000000

#### Reference without DOI

Author, A. (Year of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Online Periodical*, volume number(issue number), page range. Retrieved from [http://www.homepage of journal.com/full/url/](http://www.homepageofjournal.com/full/url/)

#### 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

Johns, E., & Mewhort, D. (2009). Test sequence priming in recognition memory. *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition*, 35, 1162-1174. doi: 10.1037/a0016372

#### 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**

Ramalho, M., Da Silva, G., & Dias, L. (2009). Genetic plant improvement and climate changes. *Crop Breeding and Applied Biotechnology*, 9(2), 189-195. Retrieved from <http://www.sbmp.org.br/cbab>

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

Purtilo, R. (1995). Managed care: Ethical issues for the rehabilitation professions. *Trends in Health Care, Law and Ethics*, 10, 105-118. Retrieved from <http://www.proquest.com>

#### 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.homepageofmagazine.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

Waterford, J. (2007, May 30). Bill of Rights gets it wrong. *The Canberra Times*, p. 11.

#### 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

Darby, A. (2002, August 20). Rarest tiger skin a rugged survivor. *Sydney Morning Herald*.  
Retrieved from <http://www.smh.com.au>

#### In-text

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

### Newspaper Article, Print (7.01)

#### Reference

McKenna, B. (2011, July 4). Newfoundland pulls ahead of Maritimes with oil and mining boom. *The Globe and Mail*, pp. B1-B2.

#### In-text

Indirect Quote (McKenna, 2011)

## Websites, Internet Message Boards, Electronic Mailing Lists & Social Media

### Basic Format

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day of Publication). Title of document [Format]. Retrieved from  
<http://www.URL of document.com>

### 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

American Kennel Club. (1994, March 31). AKC meet the breeds: Labrador Retriever. Retrieved  
 from [http://www.akc.org/breeds/labrador\\_retriever/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/breeds/labrador_retriever/index.cfm)

#### In-text

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

### Website, No Author or Date (7.11)

#### Reference

Egyptian cobra. (n.d.). Retrieved from [http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/articles/article/Egypt/  
 Egyptian- Cobra-----/3252](http://www.kwintessential.co.uk/articles/article/Egypt/Egyptian-Cobra-/3252)

#### 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**

Obama, B. [BarackObama]. (2009, July 15). Launched American Graduation Initiative to help additional

5 mill. Americans graduate college by 2020: <http://bit.ly/gcTX7> [Tweet]. Retrieved from

<http://twitter.com/BarackObama/status/2651151366>

**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**

Canada. (n.d.). In *Wikipedia*. Retrieved September 11, 2015, from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada>

**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**

Keim, B. (2009, November 18). ID error leaves fish at edge of extinction [Web Blog post].

Retrieved from <http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2009/11/extinction-error>

**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].

Country of Origin: Studio.

#### In-text

Indirect Quote (Producer & Director, Year)

### DVD (7.07)

#### Reference

Colson, C. (Producer), & Boyle, D. (Director). (2008). *Slumdog millionaire* [DVD]. United States: 20<sup>th</sup>

Century Fox Home Entertainment.

#### 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].

(2014). Retrieved from <http://fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=107751&xtid=60581>

#### 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

Apsolon, M. [markapsolon]. (2011, September 9). *Real ghost girl caught on Video Tape 14*

[Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+6nyGCbxD848>

#### 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)

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**Music (7.07)****Reference**

Mitchell, J. (1974). Jericho. On *Miles of aisles* [CD]. New York, NY: Asylum.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote (Mitchell, 1974)

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**Basic Format: Television Series, Single Episode (7.07)**

Writer, W. W. (Writer), & Director, D. D. (Director). (Date of publication). Title of episode [Television

Series Episode]. In P. Producer (Producer), *Series title*. City, State of origin: Studio or

Distributor.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote (Writer & Director, year)

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**Television Series, Single Episode (7.07)****Reference**

Halley, J. (Writer), & Johnson, F. (Director). (2000). Air traffic control [Television series episode]. In J.

Lieberman [Producer], *The News Hour*. New York, NY: American Broadcast Company.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote (Halley & Johnson, 2000)

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**Television Program – Broadcast (7.07)****Reference**

Kimball, C. (Presenter). (2009, September 4). *Stateline* [Television broadcast]. Canberra, Australia: ABC TV.

**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**

Thompson, T. (1915). *Fire-swept hills* [Painting]. The Hudson's Bay Company Gallery: Toronto, ON.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote (Thompson, 1915)

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**Image, Online (7.07)****Reference**

Nishinaga, S. (2007). *Small intestine blood vessels* [Image]. Retrieved from

<http://science.nationalgeographic.com/science/enlarge/small-intestine-blood-vessels.html>

**In-text**

Indirect Quote (Nishinaga, 2007)

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**Photograph, Online (7.07)****Reference**

Vernon, T. (Photographer). (2009). *Magnolia tree, Middleton* [Photograph]. Retrieved from

<http://bitdesign.ca/nature.html>

**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**

Bujak, J. P., & Donohoe, H. V. (1980). *Geological highway map of Nova Scotia* [Geology map].

1:633,600. Halifax, NS: Atlantic Geoscience Society.

**In-text**

Indirect Quote (Bujak & Donohoe, 1980)

**Map, Online (7.07)****Reference**

Natural Resources Canada. (Cartographer). (2011). *Significant earthquakes of the 20th century* [Intensity map]. Retrieved from <http://earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/histor/20th-eme/signif-eng.php>

**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.

## Reference List Example

TITLE OF PAPER	PAGE NUMBER
References	
<p>Apsolon, M. [markapsolon]. (2011, September 9). <i>Real ghost girl caught on Video Tape 14</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+6nyGCbxD848">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+6nyGCbxD848</a></p>	
<p>Bujak, J. P., &amp; Donohoe, H. V. (1980). <i>Geological highway map of Nova Scotia</i> [Geology map]. 1:633,600. Halifax, NS: Atlantic Geoscience Society.</p>	
<p>Bulliet, R. W., Crossley, P. K., Headrick, D. R., Hirsch, S. W., Johnson, L. L., &amp; Northrup, D. (2011). <i>The earth and its peoples: A global history</i> (5th ed.). Boston, MA: Wadsworth.</p>	
<p>Canada. (n.d.). In <i>Wikipedia</i>. Retrieved September 11, 2015, from <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada</a></p>	
<p>Doob, A. N., &amp; Cesaroni, C. (2004). <i>Responding to youth crime in Canada</i>. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press.</p>	
<p>Faber, B. L. (2003). Grasshopper. In <i>World book encyclopedia</i> (Vol. 8, pp. 327-328). Chicago, IL: World Book.</p>	
<p>Grazer, B. (Producer), &amp; Howard, R. (Director). (2006). <i>A beautiful mind</i> [Motion picture]. United States: Universal Studios.</p>	
<p>Johns, E., &amp; Mewhort, D. (2009). Test sequence priming in recognition memory. <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition</i>, 35, 1162-1174. doi: 10.1037/a0016372</p>	
<p>McKenna, B. (2011, July 4). Newfoundland pulls ahead of Maritimes with oil and mining boom. <i>The Globe and Mail</i>, p. B1-B2.</p>	
<p>Province pulls plug on toxic hotel bill. (1999, June 15). <i>Chronicle Herald</i>, pp. A1, A5.</p>	

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

TITLE OF PAPER

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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

TITLE OF PAPER

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### References

Earle, M. (2001). Coal in the history of Nova Scotia. In J.E. Candow (Ed.), *Industry and society in Nova Scotia: An illustrated history*. Halifax, NS: Fernwood.

Richard, K. (1997). *The Westray story: A predictable path to disaster: Report of the Westray Mine Public Inquiry*. [Halifax, NS]: Westray Mine Public Inquiry.

Ryan, J.H. (1992). *Coal in our blood: 200 years of coal mining in Nova Scotia's Pictou County*. Halifax, NS: Formac.