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Direct Quote (Author's Last Name, Year, Page or Paragraph number)

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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...

### 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 ...



# 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, 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)

# 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

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)

# **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)



# **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:000000/000000000000

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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/

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### 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

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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

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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).



# **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.

# **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:000000/000000000000

### **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

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

(Waterford, 2007).



# 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

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

# 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, 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

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

In-text

Indirect Quote ("Egyptian cobra," n.d.)

# 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: 20th 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

(Impress at job interviews, 2014) Indirect Quote

# 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)



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

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

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Province pulls plug on toxic hotel bill. (1999, June 15). Chronicle Herald, pp. A1, A5.

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