APA

American Psychological Association Citation Style

The following guide is based on the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (2010) at call number BF76.7 P83 2010, and Concise Rules of APA Style at call number BF76.7 C66 2010. These are available in our library, both main stacks and Reference (non-circulating). This guide is also based on Archer Library’s APA guide, Western University’s Graduate Resource Centre APA Guide, as well as Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/). Please consult these manuals to cite materials not listed below.

Citations – why use them?

Basically, if you do not use a citation, you are committing the crime of plagiarism. This is where you are using someone else’s words or ideas as your own. A citation tells the reader where you have gotten your ideas and/or quotes. It consists of the title of the work, the author(s) name, date of publication, and then depending on the format (book versus journal versus website, etc), place of publication, publisher, volume, page numbers, URL, etc.

BOOKS

Book – One Author

General Format:
Author, A. A. (year). Title of book. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Note in running text: …as Knockwood (2015) demonstrates …
Note outside running text: …as has been shown (Knockwood, 2015)…

Book – Two Authors

General Format:

Example:

Note in running text: …as Jordan-Fenton and Poklak-Fenton (2011) describe …
Note outside running text: …as has been published (Jordan-Fenton & Poklak-Fenton, 2011) …

Book – Three to Five Authors

General Format:
List by last names and initials; commas separate author names, while the last author name is preceded again by ampersand (&).

Example:

First note in running text: …as Garner, Carrière, and Sanmartin (2010) alerted …
Subsequent notes in running text: …as Garner et al. (2010) stated…
First note outside running text: …as has been formulated (Garner, Carrière, & Sanmartin, 2010)…
Subsequent notes outside running text: … as has been stated (Garner et al., 2010) …
Book – Six or more Authors

General Format:

For Works cited: List by last names and initials; commas separate author names, while the last author name is preceded again by ampersand (&). For more than six authors: after the sixth author’s name, use ellipses (…) in place of the author names. Then provide the final author name. There should be no more than seven names.

Example:
Supporting the development of Telehealth for British Columbia First Nations living on reserves: a review of existing evidence. Vancouver: British Columbia Alliance on Telehealth Policy and Research.

For In text: Use the first author’s name followed by et al. in the signal phrase or in parentheses.
Example:
First and subsequent notes in running text: …as Lavoie et al. (2010) published …
First and subsequent notes outside running text: …as has been argued (Lavoie et al., 2010) …

NOTE:
• Do not put the author’s initials in your in text citations unless it is needed to distinguish authors with similar names:

Example: D T Suzuki (1954) has discussed … Others have questioned this perspective … (T. Suzuki, 2000)

• Add extra names when adding “et al” to multiple authors to avoid confusion. (You will likely see this with medical studies where the same principle author has undertaken research with different people).


Book – Corporate Group as Author

General Format:
Organization name (date). Title of book. Publication place: Publisher.

Example:

Note in running text: …as the American Psychological Association (2009) determined…
Note outside running text: …as has been determined (American Psychological Association, 2009)…

➢ If the Corporate Group is often abbreviated, introduce this abbreviation in your first citation:
Running text: …as the American Psychological Association (APA, 2009) determined …
➢ …and in subsequent citations:
… as has been stated by APA (2009) …

Outside of running text: … as has been discovered (American Psychological Association [APA], 2009)…
➢ … and in subsequent citations:
… as documented (APA, 2009) in recent research

Edited Book – One Editor

General Format:

Example:

Note in running text: … as Wein (2006) related …
Note outside of running text: …as has been stated (Wein, 2006)…
Edited Book – Two Editors

**General Format:**

**Example:**

**Note in running text:** ...as Newhouse and Peters (2003) found...
**Note outside of running text:** ...as has been discovered (Newhouse & Peters, 2003) ...

**Article or Chapter in an Edited Book**

**General Format:**

**Example:**

**Note in running text:** ...as Clark (2006) documented ...
**Note outside running text:** ... as has been recorded (Clark, 2006) ...

**DOI – What is it?**

In the following citations, you will notice reference to a DOI. This is a Digital Object Identifier, a number that is unique to a document. Unlike a website’s webpage address, a DOI is stable and does not change. Due to this, the APA 6th edition recommends that, wherever possible, you use the DOI instead of the website you downloaded from. The DOI is often listed on the first or cover page of the document/e-book/journal itself.

**Resources:**
1. [http://dx.doi.org/](http://dx.doi.org/) - this website allows you to enter the DOI into the search box and find the document.
2. Not sure if there is a DOI for your document? [http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/](http://www.crossref.org/guestquery/) - this website allows you to find a DOI for your resource.

**E-Books**

**General Format:**

**OR**

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book* [E-reader version, if applicable]. doi:xxxx

If the book was read or acquired through an online library (e.g., Google Books, ebrary, NetLibrary) and not on an e-reader device, omit the bracketed information from the reference.

**Examples:**


**Note in running text:** ... as Alexie (2005) mentions ...
**Note outside running text:** ... as has been projected (Coates, 2008) ...
E-book Chapter

***For a chapter in an e-book, include the chapter title and page numbers (if available). If the book was written by only one person, cite as per e-book above.

**General Format:**

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter. In B. B. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* [E-reader version, if applicable] (pp. xxx–xxx). doi:xxxxx

**Example:**


**Note in running text:** … as Gilley(2005) related …
**Note outside running text:** … as has been recorded (Hearne, 2008) …

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**Electronic sources**

Audio visual – DVD/Film

**General Format:**

**Example:**

**Note in running text:** …as discussed by Bear, Jones and Assu (2010)…
**Note outside running text:** … as shown (Bear, Jones & Assu, 2010) …

*** In this example, the producers/director constitute the authors, as in a written work. Therefore, subsequent in-text citations would follow the example: “Book – 3-5 authors.”

Streaming Video on Website

**General Format:**
Author, A. A. (Year, Month day). *Title of video* [Video file]. Retrieved from complete URL

***In this case, “Author” is who the video upload is attributed to, and the date is the date of upload, unless otherwise specified.

**Example:**


**Note in running text:** … as Spooner discussed (2010) …
**Note outside running text:** …as has been revealed (MacNeil Lehrer Productions, 2000) …
Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Google+)

General Note:
Please see http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/social-media/ for ways to cite these social media formats. The APA Style Blog gives several excellent examples of citing – what to cite and how.

Podcasts
General Format:
Producer, A. A. (Producer). (Year, Month day). Name of program [Audio podcast]. Retrieved from podcast URL.

Example:

Note outside running text: … Wayne Snellgrove said in a recent broadcast “…” (Larson, 2015).

Website
General Format:
Author of website (year). Title of Web Page. Retrieved from entire URL

Example:

Note in running text: … as stated on the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (2013) website …
Note outside running text: … as has been discussed (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, 2013)…

Website Document
General Format:
Author, A. A. (year). Title of article. Retrieved from full URL.

Example:

***Since this is a corporation that is often abbreviated, an abbreviation of their name can be introduced.

Note in running text – 1st citation: as pointed out in the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association [NACCA] (2012) …
Note in running text – subsequent citations: … as revealed by the NACCA (2012) …
Note outside running text – 1st citation: … as seen (National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association [NACCA], 2012) …
Note outside running text – subsequent citations: … as has been published (NACCA, 2012)…

Encyclopedia / Dictionary – Print
General Format:

Example:

Note in running text: … as Paterek (1994) explains …
Note outside of running text: … as has been shown (Paterek, 1993) …
Encyclopedia / dictionary – Online

General Format:

Example:

Note in running text: … as defined by the Oxford English Dictionary (2015) …
Note outside of running text: …as has been defined (Oxford English Dictionary, 2015) …

Encyclopedia / dictionary Entry – Print

General Format:

Example:

Note in running text: … as Hillstrom (1998) makes clear …
Note outside running text: … as has been identified (Hillstrom, 1998) …

Encyclopedia / dictionary Entry – Online

General Format:
Author, A. A. (year). Title of Article Entry. Title of encyclopedia or dictionary. Retrieved from URL.
***If no author is listed, use the title of the entry as the author

Example:

Note in running text: … as “Métis” (2011) tells us …
Note outside running text: … as has been identified (“Métis,” 2011) …

Government Publications

General Example:
Issuing Agency. (year). Title of government publication. (Catalog No./Document No./Publication No.). Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example One:

Note in running text: … as the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (1969) stated …
Note outside of running text: …as had been decided (Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, 1969) …

Example two:

Note in running text: … as the Canadian House of Commons’ Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and natural Resources (2001) announced …
Note outside of running text: … as has been printed (Canada. Parliament. House of Commons. Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources, 2001) …
Government Website

General Format:
Issuing Agency. (year, Month day). *Title of government website page*. Retrieved from http://address

Example:

***Simply include the year of publication (or posting) if the website/website document does not have a month or day.

Note in running text: … as Nova Scotia’s Department of Justice (1989) concluded …
Note outside of running text: … as had been concluded (Nova Scotia. Department of Justice, 1989) …

Government Website – Personal Author

General Format:

Example:

Note in running text … as Anderson (2004, October 21) identified …
Note outside of running text: … as has been presented (Anderson, 2004, October 21) …

Interviews

Personal interviews are cited in text only. As they cannot be retrieved, they are not listed in your References / Works Cited list.

General Format:
I. Interviewee, type of communication, Month day, year

Example:
(R.-M. Gaudet, personal interview, April 2, 2015)

(B. Young, personal e-mail, April 9, 2015.)

Note in running text: … as was stated by Rose-Marie Gaudet (personal interview, April 2, 2015)…
Note outside running text: … as had been discussed (B. Young, personal e-mail, April 9, 2015)…
**Online Journal Article – with DOI**

**General Format:**

**Example:**

**Note in running text:** … as Moran and Roach (2014) discuss …
**Note outside running text:** … as has been explained (Moran & Roach, 2014) …

*** For journals with continuous pagination (i.e., an issue starts in January at page one, and page numbering continues on throughout the year), issue number is NOT listed.
*** For print journals, simply omit the doi/journal’s URL from the above examples. The rest of the citation remains the same.

**Online Journal Article – without DOI**

**General Format:**

**Example:**

**Note in running text:** … as Forget (2015) suggested …
**Note outside running text:** … as has been discovered (Forget, 2015) …

**Live Performance**

**General Format:**
*Title of work or description.* (year, Month day). Live performance location, City, Province.

**Examples:**
*Grass Dance.* (2015, April 11). Live performance at the Brandt Centre, Regina, SK.


**Newspaper / Magazine Article – with author**

**General Format:**

**Example:**

**Note in running text:** … as Benjoe (2015) observes …
**Note outside running text:** … as has been reported (Benjoe, 2015) …
Newspaper / Magazine Article – without author

General Format:
Headline title of article. (year, Month day). Title of Newspaper, p./pp. Nn-Nn.

Example:

Note in running text: … as “Lost Without Translation” (2014) pointed out …
Note outside running text: … as has been reported (“Lost Without Translation,” 2014) …

Newspaper Article – Online and authored

General Format:
Author, A. A. (year, Month day). Headline title of article. Title of Newspaper. Retrieved from URL.

Example:

Note in running text: … as Quan (2015) pointed out …
Note outside running text: … as has been reported (Quan, 2015)…

Newspaper Article – Online without author

General Format:
Headline title of article. (year, Month day). Title of Newspaper. Retrieved from URL.

Example:

Note in running text: … as “Aboriginal Title” (2015) pointed out …
Note outside running text: … as has been reported (“Aboriginal Title,” 2015) …

***Do not include page numbers from electronic sources, unless they are based on a PDF. In this case, page number(s) would come before “Retrieved from.”

Thesis – Digital Copy

General Format:
Author, A. A. (year). Title of thesis (Doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis).(Accession or Order No.) Retrieved from Name of database (UMI No.)

Example:

Note in running text: … as MacInnis (1991) made clear …
Note outside running text: … as was stated (MacInnis, 1991) …