



APA Citation Style Tip Sheet

The American Psychological Association (APA) uses a name-date system in which short in-text citations direct the readers to the full reference list entry. Below you will find tips and examples for both elements. For exceptions, details, and many more examples, refer to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Seventh Edition* (2020), especially chapters eight through ten. If you need more assistance, [contact Research Services](#) at the Rice Library.

The in-text citation is usually the author name(s) followed by the year of publication. Page numbers are only included if there is a direct quote from the source. In most cases, you will put the parenthetical citation at the end of the sentence describing the work cited. You can also include the name of the author within your text for a narrative citation.

The reference list at the end of a paper provides the information necessary to identify and retrieve each work cited in the text. Begin the reference list on a new page after the text. Place the section label **References** in bold at the top of the page, centered. Order the reference list entries alphabetically by the last name of the first author. Double-space the entire reference list and apply a hanging indent of 0.5 inch to each reference list entry. (Both of these settings can be made in Word's Paragraph options window.)

Examples

Article from a journal with a DOI, two authors

McCauley, S. M., & Christiansen, M. H. (2019). Language learning as language use: A cross-linguistic model of child language development. *Psychological Review*, 126(1), 1-51. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rev0000126>

Parenthetical citation: (McCauley & Christiansen, 2019) *Narrative citation:* McCauley and Christiansen (2019)

Article from a journal with an article number, 3-20 authors

Burin, D., Kiltner, K., Rabuffetti, M., Slater, M., & Pia, L. (2019). Body ownership increases the interference between observed and executed movements. *PLOS ONE*, 14(1), Article e0209899. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0209899>

Parenthetical citation: (Burin et al., 2019)

Narrative citation: Burin et al. (2019)

Article from a journal without a DOI, one author

Anderson, M. (2018). Getting consistent with consequences. *Educational Leadership*, 76(1), 26-33.

Parenthetical citation: (Anderson, 2018)

Narrative citation: Anderson (2018)

Article from a newspaper

Guarino, B. (2017, December 4). How will humanity react to alien life? Psychologists have some predictions. *The Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/12/04/how-will-humanity-react-to-alien-life-psychologists-have-some-predictions>

Parenthetical citation: (Guarino, 2017)

Narrative citation: Guarino (2017)

Article from a reference work entry with group author, no date on work

Merriam-Webster (n.d.). Self-report. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary*. Retrieved July 12, 2023, from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/self-report>

Parenthetical citation: (Merriam-Webster, n.d.)

Narrative citation: Merriam-Webster (n.d.)





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Article from the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Mehrholz, J., Pohl, M., Platz, T., Kugler, J., & Elsner, B. (2018). Electromechanical and robot-assisted arm training for improving activities of daily living, arm function, and arm muscle strength after stroke. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD006876.pub5>

Parenthetical citation: (Mehrholz et al., 2018)

Narrative citation: Mehrholz et al. (2018)

Item from the DynaMed database

DynaMed. (2022, November 7). *Celiac disease*. Retrieved January 15, 2024, from <https://www.dynamed.com/condition/celiac-disease>

Parenthetical citation: (DynaMed, 2022)

Narrative citation: DynaMed (2022)

Book, authored, with a DOI

Brown, L. S. (2018). *Feminist therapy* (2nd ed.). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000092-000>

Parenthetical citation: (Brown, 2018)

Narrative citation: Brown (2018)

Book chapter in a volume of a multivolume work

Goldin-Meadow, S. (2015). Gesture and cognitive development. In L. S. Liben & U. Mueller (Eds.), *Handbook of child psychology and developmental science: Vol. 2. Cognitive processes* (7th ed., pp. 339-380). John Wiley & Sons. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118963418.childpsy209>

Parenthetical citation: (Goldin-Meadow, 2015)

Narrative citation: Goldin-Meadow (2015)

Book, edited, without a DOI

Hacker Hughes, J. (Ed.). (2017). *Military veteran psychological health and social care: Contemporary approaches*. Routledge.

Parenthetical citation: (Hacker Hughes, 2017)

Narrative citation: Hacker Hughes (2017)

Conference poster presentation

Pearson, J. (2018, September 27-30). *Fat talk and its effects on state-based body image in women* [Poster presentation]. Australian Psychological Society Congress, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Parenthetical citation: (Pearson, 2018)

Narrative citation: Pearson (2018)

Conference session

Fistek, A., Jester, E., & Sonnenberg, K. (2017, July 12-15). *Everybody's got a little music in them: Using music therapy to connect, engage, and motivate* [Conference session]. Autism Society National Conference, Milwaukee, WI, United States. <https://asa.confex.com/asa/2017/webprogramarchives/Session9517.html>

Parenthetical citation: (Fistek et al., 2017)

Narrative citation: Fistek et al. (2017)





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Dataset

Pew Research Center. (2018). *American trends panel Wave 26* [Data set].
<https://www.pewsocialtrends.org/dataset/american-trends-panel-wave-26/>

Parenthetical citation: (Pew Research Center, 2018)

Narrative citation: Pew Research Center (2018)

Dataset from ICSPR

D'Souza, A., & Wiseheart, M. (2018). *Cognitive effects of music and dance training in children* (ICPSR 37080; Version 1V1) [Data set]. ICSPR. <https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR37080.v1>

Parenthetical citation: (D'Souza & Wiseheart, 2018)

Narrative citation: D'Souza and Wiseheart (2018)

Dissertation or thesis, unpublished

Harris, L. (2014). *Instructional leadership perceptions and practices of elementary school leaders* [Unpublished doctoral dissertation]. University of Virginia.

Parenthetical citation: (Harris, 2014)

Narrative citation: Harris (2014)

Dissertation or thesis published online

Hutcheson, V. H. (2012). *Dealing with dual differences: Social coping strategies of gifted and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer adolescents* [Master's thesis, The College of William & Mary]. William & Mary Digital Archive.

Parenthetical citation: (Hutcheson, 2012)

Narrative citation: Hutcheson (2012)

PowerPoint slides or lecture notes available without login

Housand, B. (2016). *Game on! Integrating games and simulations in the classroom* [PowerPoint slides]. SlideShare.
<https://www.slideshare.net/brianhousand/game-on-iagc-2016>

Parenthetical citation: (Housand, 2016)

Narrative citation: Housand (2016)

PowerPoint slides or lecture notes from USI's Blackboard, when writing for others in the course

Yang, J. (2019). *Chapter 4: Discounted cash flow valuation* [PowerPoint slides]. My USI Blackboard. <https://my.usi.edu/>

Parenthetical citation: (Yang, 2019)

Narrative citation: Yang (2019)

Report by a government agency or organization

National Cancer Institute. (2018). *Facing forward: Life after cancer treatment* (NIH Publication No. 18-2424). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health.
<https://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/life-after-treatment.pdf>

Parenthetical citation: (National Cancer Institute, 2018)

Narrative citation: National Cancer Institute (2018)

Report by individual authors at a government agency or organization

Fried, D., & Polyakova, A. (2018). *Democratic defense against disinformation*. Atlantic Council.
https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Democratic_Defense_Against_Disinformation_FINAL.pdf

Parenthetical citation: (Fried & Polykova, 2018)

Narrative citation: Fried & Polykova (2018)





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Review of a film published in a journal

Mirabito, L. A. & Hack, N. C. (2016). Bringing LGBTQ youth theater into the spotlight [Review of the film *The year we thought about love*, by E. Brodsky, Dir.]. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 3(4), 499-500. <https://doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000205>

Paranthetical citation: (Mirabito & Heck, 2016)

Narrative citation: Mirabito and Heck (2016)

Review of a book published in a newspaper

Santos, F. (2019, January 11). Reframing refugee children's stories [Review of the book *We are displaced: My journey and stories from refugee girls around the world*, by M. Yousafzai]. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/11/books/review/we-are-displaced-malala-yousafzai.html>

Paranthetical citation: (Santos, 2019)

Narrative citation: Santos (2019)

Test, scale, or inventory

Project Implicit. (n.d.). *Gender-Science IAT*. <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html>

Paranthetical citation: (Project Implicit, n.d.)

Narrative citation: Project Implicit (n.d.)

Test, scale, or inventory manual

Tellegen, A., & Ben-Porath, Y. S. (2011). *Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 Restructured Form (MMPI-2-RF): Technical manual*. Pearson.

Paranthetical citation: (Tellegen & Ben-Porath, 2011)

Narrative citation: Tellegen and Ben-Porath (2011)

Webpage on a website with a group author

World Health Organization. (2018, March). *Questions and answers on immunization and vaccine safety*. <https://www.who.int/vaccines/questions-and-answers>

Paranthetical citation: (World Health Organization, 2018) *Narrative citation:* World Health Organization (2018)

Webpage on a website with an individual author

Bologna, C. (2018, June 27). *What happens to your mind and body when you feel homesick?* HuffPost. https://www.huffpost.com/entry/what-happens-mind-body-homesick_n_5b201ebde4b09d7a3d77eee1

Paranthetical citation: (Bologna, 2018)

Narrative citation: Bologna (2018)

YouTube or other streaming video

Fogarty, M. [Grammar Girl]. (2016, September 30). *How to diagram a sentence (absolute basics)* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deiEY5Yq1qI>

Paranthetical citation: (Fogarty, 2016)

Narrative citation: Fogarty (2016)

