

A short guide to

APA 6th style for referencing

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This short guide explains how to cite some of the major types of materials you are likely to use in your academic writing. The American Psychological Association referencing style (APA) is an author-date in-text method of citation (also known as the Harvard method, but not the same as the Harvard style). The 6th and latest edition was published in 2010.

1. In-text citations

- These appear in the body of your work.
- APA style uses the author-date method of referencing.
- In-text citations will mostly appear in the following format:
(author's last name, year of publication, page numbers if needed)
E.g. In the 1980's sales of blue jeans slowed and then declined (Smith, 2014).
- You can also include the author's name in a sentence, leaving it out from the brackets:
E.g. According to Smith (2014, p. 125) the sales...
- **Page numbers** – use **p.** for one page and **pp.** for multiple pages.
E.g. (Smith, 2014, pp. 45-49)
- **Secondary referencing**
When citing a source you have not read yourself, but which was mentioned in a source you have read, use the following format:
E.g. Brown (as cited in Smith, 2014, p. 35) argues that...
Reference Smith, not Brown, in the reference list.
It is always preferred to cite the original source.
- **Three or more authors**
The first time you cite the source, list all the authors. Use the word "and" between the authors' names within the text and use "&" in the parentheses.
E.g. (Kernis, Cornell, Sun, Berry, & Harlow, 1993)
Smith, Brown and Turner (2003) state that...

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In subsequent citations, only use the first author's last name followed by "et al." in the text or parentheses.

E.g. (Kernis et al., 1993)

Smith et al. (2003) argued...

All names must be included in the reference list.

- **Quotes**

When quoting from a source, you must include page number(s) and enclose the quote in phrase marks.

E.g. According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

Long quotes should be presented in your work as a block, indented from the left, with a space above and below the quote, without quotation marks.

E.g. It has been argued that:

The effectiveness of celebrities as communications sources often depends upon their perceived credibility. Consumers may not trust a celebrity's motives for endorsing a product or they may question the star's competence to evaluate the product's claims (Solomon et al. 2006, p.177).

This.....

- **More than one source**

List sources alphabetically by surname in the in-text citation in the order in which they appear in the reference list, separating them with a semicolon.

E.g. The cyclical process (Carr & Kemmis, 1986; Dick, 2000; Kemmis & McTaggart, 1988; Maclsaac, 1995) suggests...

2. Reference list

- The reference list should appear at the end of your work on a separate page.
- Only include references you have cited in your work.
- All references should have a hanging indent, meaning that all lines of a reference subsequent to the first line should be indented.

E.g. Easton, B. (2008). Does poverty affect health? In K. Dew & A. Matheson (eds.), *Understanding health inequalities in Aotearoa New Zealand* (pp. 97-106). Dunedin, New Zealand: Otago University Press.

- References should be listed alphabetically by the last name of the first author of each work.

- **Special cases:**

- ❖ For works by different authors with the same family name, list references alphabetically by the authors' initials.
- ❖ For multiple works by the same author in different years, list references chronologically (earliest to latest).
- ❖ For multiple works by the same author in the same year, list references alphabetically by title in the reference list.

E.g. Alleyne, R.L. (2001). ...

Alleyne, R.L., & Evans, A.J. (1999). ...

Baheti, J.R. (2001a). ...

Baheti, J.R. (2001b). ...

Cabading, J.R., & Wright, K. (2000). ...

Cabading, J.R., & Wright, K. (2001). ...

Garofalo, R. (1992).

Garofalo, R. (Ed.). (1988). ...

The London School of Economics and Political Science. (2005). ...

Mathur, A.L., & Wallston, J. (1999). ...

Mathur, S.E., & Ahlers, R.J. (1998). ...

Panorama. (2003). ...

- When referring to Books, Book Chapters, Article Titles or Webpages, capitalise only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, and proper nouns.

E.g. Agricultural investment and productivity: Building sustainability in East Africa

- When referring to Journal Titles, capitalise all major words (do not capitalise words such as 'of', 'and', & 'the' unless they are the first word in the title).

E.g. International Journal of Development and Sustainability

- **EBooks** – cite the same as print books.

- **Online journal articles**

For pdf files, cite them as print articles.

If a DOI (permanent digital object identifier) is provided, always include it in your reference.

3. Further help

For further help, please get in touch with your department's Academic Support Librarian.

www.lse.ac.uk/AcademicSupportLibrarian

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4. Examples of how to reference different sources

	Reference list	In-text citation
BOOKS		
One author	Pilger, J. (2006). <i>Freedom next time</i> . London, England: Bantam.	(Pilger, 2006) or ... Pilger (2006)...
Multiple authors	Alred, G. J., Brusaw, C. T., & Oliu, W. E. (2009). <i>The business writer's handbook</i> . New York, NY: St Martin's Press.	First citation: (Alred, Brusaw, & Oliu, 2009)
		Subsequent citations: (Alred et al., 2009)
Edition other than first	Helfer, M. E., Kempe, R. S., & Krugman, R. D. (1997). <i>The battered child</i> (5th ed.). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.	First citation: Helfer, Kempe and Krugman (1997) demonstrated that...
		Subsequent citations: Helfer et al. (1997) argued...
Chapter in edited book	Easton, B. (2008). Does poverty affect health? In K. Dew & A. Matheson (Eds.), <i>Understanding health inequalities in Aotearoa New Zealand</i> (pp. 97-106). Dunedin, New Zealand: Otago University Press.	(Easton, 2008)
Edited book	Garafalo, R. (Ed.). (1992). <i>Rockin' the boat: Mass music and mass movements</i> . Boston, MA: South End Press.	(Garafalo, 1992)
Translated book	Laplace, P. S. (1951). <i>A philosophical essay on probabilities</i> . (F. W. Truscott & F. L. Emory, Trans.). New York, NY: Dover. (Original work published 1814).	(Laplace, 1814/1951)

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JOURNAL ARTICLE		
Online article With DOI (Digital Object Identifier)	Li, S., & Seale, C. (2007). Learning to do qualitative data analysis: An observational study of doctoral work. <i>Qualitative Health Research</i> , 17, 1442-1452. doi:10.1177/1049732307306924	Li and Seale (2007) ... or ... (Li & Seale, 2007)
Print or no DOI	Patton, M. (1997). Evaluation as a tool. <i>Journal of Social Science</i> , 18(3), 345-356.	(Patton, 1997, p. 347)
LEGISLATION (for non-legal purposes)		
Act	N/A – not recorded in the reference list	Children Act 1989 or... According to s.1 of the Children Act 1989...
Bill	N/A – not recorded in the reference list	Children (Access to Parents) HC Bill (2012-13) [33]
Law report (case)	N/A – not recorded in the reference list	First citation: (Chalmers v. Johns [1999] 1 FLR 39)
		Subsequent citations: (Chalmers v. Johns, 1999)
NEWSPAPER ARTICLE		
Newspaper article	Smith, T. (2003, June 23). University tuition fees: The debate. <i>The Guardian</i> , p. 16.	(Smith, 2003, p. 16) or ... Smith (2003, p. 16)
No author - online	Nuke test inquiry doubted. (2009, April 23). <i>The Dominion Post</i> , p. 5. Retrieved from http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/	(Nuke test inquiry doubted, 2009)

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OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS			
With reference number	Department for Children, Schools and Families. (2009). <i>The protection of children in England: Action plan: the Government's response to Lord Laming</i> (Cm 7589). London, England: The Stationery Office.	First citation:	(Department for Children, Schools and Family [DCSF], 2009)
		Subsequent citations:	(DCSF, 2009)
Online government report	Harris, J., & Grace, S. (1999). <i>A question of evidence? Investigating and prosecuting rape in the 1990s</i> (Home Office Research Study 196). Retrieved from www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs/hors196.pdf	(Harris & Grace, 1999)	
WEB PAGES			
Blog post	Freakonomics. (2010, October 29). <i>E-ZPass is a life-saver (literally)</i> [Blog post]. Retrieved from http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/10/29/e-zpass-is-a-life-saver-literally/	(Freakonomics, 2010)	
Web document	Simon, J., Smith, K., & West, T. (2009). <i>Price incentives and consumer payment behaviour</i> . Retrieved from http://www.rba.gov.au/PublicationsAndResearch/RDP/RDP2009-04.html	(J. Smith, K. Smith & West, 2009)	
Website – no date	The College of William and Mary. (n.d.). <i>College mission statement</i> . Retrieved from http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/provost/mission/index.php	(The College of William and Mary, n.d.)	
Website – no author	<i>All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue</i> . (2010). Retrieved from http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39625809/ns/world_news-americas/	(All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue, 2010, para 5) or... in <i>All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue</i> (2010, para 5)...	

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Website – corporate author, no date	British Psychological Association. (n.d.). <i>How can psychology help you</i> . Retrieved from http://www.bps.org.uk/psychology-public/how-can-psychology-help-you/how-can-psychology-help-you	(British Psychological Association, n.d., para 5)
OTHER		
Business report	FAME. (2010). <i>Company Report of Tesco PLC</i> . Retrieved from http://fame.bvdep.com	(FAME, 2010)
Conference paper - published	Secker, J. (2005). Current issues in information literacy: Are we making all the wrong assumptions? In A. Martin (Ed.) (2006). <i>Proceedings of the 4th eLiteracy Conference, June 15-17, 2005</i> (pp. 23-25). Glasgow, Scotland: University of Strathclyde.	(Secker, 2005)
Data	Mintel. (2011). <i>Coffee in China</i> . Retrieved from Mintel Global Markets Navigator. http://gmnmintel.com/navigate/	(Intel, 2011))
Lecture notes	Acemoglu, D. (2004). <i>Understanding institutions</i> . [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from http://cep.lse.ac.uk/events/lectures/23022004_daron_acemoglu.ppt	(Acemoglu, 2004)
Personal communication	N/A – not recorded in the reference list	J. Secker (personal communication, June 6, 2015)
Thesis/Dissertation	Kardefelt Winther, D. (2014) <i>Excessive internet use: Fascination or compulsion?</i> (Unpublished doctoral thesis). London School of Economics and Political Science, London.	(Kardefelt Winther, 2014)

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