Citing Sources According to APA (7th edition)

Use this guide to organize your Reference List (or Bibliography) and Parenthetical Notes. It is based on the following resources, available at Western Libraries and online:

1. Publication manual of the American Psychological Association
   (see chapter 10 for over 100 citation examples and templates)
2. Summary: What’s new in APA 7th edition
3. APA Style: Handouts and Guides
   https://apastyle.apa.org/instructional-aids/handouts-guides

Please consult these resources for examples of how to cite materials not included below.

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General Format:


Example:


Note in running text: ...as Hesse-Biber (1996) demonstrates....
Note outside running text: ...as has been shown (Hesse-Biber, 1996)....

*** APA 7th edition: Do not include physical locations for publishers in any reference type. In APA 6th edition this example would end with New York: Oxford University Press. Place of publication is now omitted. ***

Book – Two Authors

General Format:


Example:


Note in running text: ...as McIntyre and Thomlinson (2003) argued....
Note outside running text: ...as has been published (McIntyre & Thomlinson, 2003)
How to List Three to Twenty Authors

Henggeler, S. W., Mihalic, S., Rone, L., Thomas, C., & Timmons-Mitchell, J.

First and subsequent notes in running text: …as Henggeler et al. (2007) alerted….  
First and subsequent notes outside running text: …as has been formulated (Henggeler et al., 2007)….  

*** APA 7th edition: For 1 to 20 authors include all author names in the reference list entry. When there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors’ names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand), and then add the final author’s name. ***  

*** APA 7th edition: In text citation for 3 or more authors: use first author and et al. for first and all subsequent citations. ***  

E-Book or E-Book Version of a Print Book (with DOI)

General Format:  

Example:  
https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780198794837.001.0001

Note in running text: …as Olsen (2017) determined….  
Note outside running text: …as has been projected (Olsen, 2017)….  

*** APA 7th ed.: For ebooks, the format, platform, or device (e.g. E-Book, Kindle) is not included in the reference. Include hyperlinked doi (or URL) if available. The words “Retrieved from” are used before a URL only when a retrieval date is also needed; otherwise, URLs are presented without a label. ***
Edited Book – One Editor

General Format:


Example:


*Note in running text*: ...as Helvie (1998) related....
*Note outside running text*: ...as has been stated (Helvie, 1998)....

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Edited Book – Two Editors

General Format:

Editor, A. A., & Editor, B. B. (Eds.). (year). *Title of edited book*. Publisher.

Example:


*Note in running text*: ...as Chandler and Chapman (1991) found....
*Note outside running text*: ...as has been discovered (Chandler & Chapman, 1991)....

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Article or Chapter in an Edited Book

General Format:

Example:


*Note in running text:* ...as Clocksin (1998) documented...
*Note outside running text:* ...as has been recorded (Clocksin, 1998)...

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Journal Article – One Author

**General Format:**

**Example:**

*Note in running text:* ...as Sharpley (1987) discovered....
*Note outside running text:* ...as has been determined (Sharpley, 1987)....

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Journal Article – Two Authors

**General Format:**

**Example:**

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Note in running text: …as Kirkman and Rosen (1999) agreed….  
Note outside running text: …as has been stated (Kirkman & Rosen, 1999)….  

*** APA 7th edition: When an issue number is present, always include it (in parentheses and not italicized) after the volume number. ***

Online Journal Article with DOI – Three (or more) Authors

General Format:


Example:


First note and subsequent notes in running text: …as Lamb et al. (2005) stated….  
First note and subsequent notes outside running text: …as has been discovered (Lamb et al., 2005)….  

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*** APA 7th edition: Include hyperlinked URL. The words “Retrieved from” are used before a URL only when a retrieval date is also needed; otherwise, URLs are presented without a label. ***

Online Journal Article without DOI

General Format:

Author, A. A. (year). Title of article. Title of Journal, volume number(issue number), page range.  

journal’s homepage hyperlinked URL
Example:


**Note in running text:** …as Koch (1983) stated….  
**Note outside running text:** …as has been proffered (Koch, 1983)….  

***APA 7th edition: Include hyperlinked URL. The words “Retrieved from” are used before a URL only when a retrieval date is also needed; otherwise, URLs are presented without a label. ***

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**Government Publications**

**General Example:**

Issuing Agency. (year). *Title of government publication*. Publisher.

**Example One:**

Statistics Canada. (2004). *Profile of census divisions and subdivisions in Manitoba*.

**Note in running text:** …as Statistics Canada (2004) revealed….  
**Note outside running text:** …as has been announced (Statistics Canada, 2004)….  

***APA 7th edition: When author and publisher are identical, omit the publisher. The word “Author” is no longer included in the source element of the reference as a replacement as in APA 6th edition. ***

**Example Two:**


**Note in running text:** …as the Canadian Senate’s Standing Committee on National Finance (1973) announced….  
**Note outside running text:** …as has been printed (Canada. Parliament. Senate. Standing Committee on National Finance, 1973)….  

Online Government Website

General Format:
Issuing Agency. (year, Month day). Title of government web site page. http://address

Example:

http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/owd/English/resources/publications/docs/dvap.pdf

Note in running text: …as Ontario’s Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (2005) formulated….
Note outside running text: …as has been announced (Ontario. Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, 2005)….

*** Just include the year of publication or posting if the website date has no month or day. ***

*** APA 7th edition: Include hyperlinked URL. The words “Retrieved from” are used before a URL only when a retrieval date is also needed; otherwise, URLs are presented without a label. ***

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Online Government Website – Personal Author

General Format:
Author, A. A. (year, Month day). Title of government web site page. Government Website or Agency Name. http://address

Example:

http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/environment/volcano_climate.html
Note in running text: ...as Bettwy (2007) argued....
Note outside running text: ...as has been announced (Bettwy, 2007)....

*** APA 7th edition: Include hyperlinked URL. The words “Retrieved from” are used before a URL only when a retrieval date is also needed; otherwise, URLs are presented without a label. ***

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Newspaper Article – Authored

General Format:

Author, A. A. (year, month day). Headline title of article. Title of Newspaper, page range.

Example:


Note in running text: ...as Von Zielbauer (2005) claimed....
Note outside running text: ...as has been claimed (Von Zielbauer, 2005)....

*** APA 7th edition: Remove p./pp. before numbering. If page range is non-consecutive, separate pages by comma ***

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Newspaper Article – No Author

General Format:

Headline title of article. Title of Newspaper, page range.

Example:


Note in running text: ...as “Political Calculus” (2005) reported....
Note outside running text: ...as has been reported (“Political Calculus,” 2005)....

*** APA 7th edition: Remove p./pp. before numbering. If page range is non-consecutive, separate pages by comma ***
Online Newspaper Article – Authored

General Format:

Author, A. A. (year, month day). Headline title of article. *Title of Newspaper.* [hyperlinked URL]

Example:


Note in running text: …as Wright (2020) relayed….

Note outside running text: …as has been printed (Wright, 2020)….

*** APA 7th edition: Include hyperlinked URL. The words “Retrieved from” are used before a URL only when a retrieval date is also needed; otherwise, URLs are presented without a label. ***

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Full-text Newspaper Article from an Internet Database

General Format:

Author, A. A. (year, Month day). Title of newspaper article. *Title of Newspaper*, page range.

Example:


Note in running text: …as Martelle (2005) related….

Note outside running text: …as has been reported (Martelle, 2005)….

*** APA 7th edition: Do not include database name or URL (e.g. Nexis Uni) because works in these resources are widely available. ***

*** APA 7th edition: Remove p./pp. before numbering. If page range is non-consecutive, separate pages by comma. ***
Published Proceedings of Meetings & Symposia

General Format:

Treat the published proceedings of a conference like an edited book, but add pertinent information about the conference.

Example:


Note in running text: …as Dojat et al. (2003) related…
First note outside running text: …as has been noted (Dojat et al., 2003)….  

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Article in Published Proceedings of Meetings & Symposia

General Format:

Treat the article in the published proceedings of a conference like an article in an edited book, adding pertinent information about the conference and the page numbers of the article.

Example:


Note in running text: ...as Donchin (1997) described....
Note outside running text: ...as has been described (Donchin, 1997)....


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**Thesis or Dissertation - Print Copy**

**General Format:**

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of thesis/dissertation. [Type of thesis or dissertation, Name of Institution Awarding the Degree]*. Publisher.

**Example:**


**Note in running text:** ...as Stevandic (2004) researched....

**Note outside running text:** ...as has been researched (Stevandic, 2004)....

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**Thesis or Dissertation – From a Database**

**General Format:**

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of thesis [Type of thesis or dissertation, Name of Institution Awarding the Degree]*. Database Name.

**Example:**


**Note in running text:** ...as Secor-Turner (2008) researched....

**Note outside running text:** ...as has been researched (Secor-Turner, 2008)....

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Report Reproduced in Microform (ERIC or Microlog)

General Format:
Author, A. A. (year). Title of report. Original Publisher. (Report Reproduction No.)

Example One:

Note in running text: …as Nist and Holschuh (2002) underlined….
Note outside running text: …as has been related (Nist & Holschuh, 2002)….

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Example Two:
Canada. Sub-Committee on Runway Incursions. (2000). National Civil Aviation Safety Committee, Sub-Committee on Runway Incursions: Final report. Transport Canada. (Microlog No. 102-01986)

Note in running text: …as Canada’s Sub-Committee on Runway Incursions (2000) stated….
Note outside running text: …as has been announced (Canada. Sub-Committee on Runway Incursions, 2000)….

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Online Media

Use the link below for examples including: YouTube video, Film or Video, TV Series Episode, Podcast Episode, Social Media Post, Webinar, Blog Post, etc…