APA Referencing Style – 7th Edition

# In-Text Citations

* The APA citation format requires citations within the text instead of endnotes or footnotes.
* There are two types of in-text citations, **Parenthetical** and **Narrative**.
* **Parenthetical -** Both the author and year of publication, separated by a comma, appear in parentheses. Author's name is not incorporated in the sentence.
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* Examples for in-text citations

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| **Number of Authors** | **Type of in-text citations** | **First Text Citation** | **Subsequent Citation** |
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| Parenthetical | … (Dewdney & Ross, 1994) | … (Dewdney & Ross, 1994) |
| Three or more | Narrative | Peffer et al. (1997) … | Peffer et al. (1997) … |
| Parenthetical | … (Peffer et al., 1997) | … (Peffer et al., 1997) |
| Group (corporation, government) | Narrative | Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL, 1996) … | ACRL (1996) … |
| Parenthetical | … (Association of College and Research Libraries [ACRL], 1996) | … (ACRL, 1996) |
| Corporate Author (Without Abbreviation) | Narrative | University of Moratuwa, (2020) … | University of Moratuwa, (2020) … |
| Parenthetical | (University of Moratuwa, 2020) | (University of Moratuwa, 2020) |

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  + First Authors with Same Surname
    - Use first author’s initials with last names
      * E.g.: ….. (J. M. Taylor & Neimeyer, 2015; T. Taylor, 2014).
      * E.g.: J. M. Taylor & Neimeyer, (2015); T. Taylor, (2014) have explained…
  + Multiple Authors with Same Surname
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      * For the title of a book, periodical or report you would use italics for the first few words of the title, e.g.: (*Title,* 1909).
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    - Use the term anonymous followed by the date, e.g.: (Anonymous, 2022)
  + Work with no date of publication or copyright
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    - Order chronologically, e.g.: According to Gogel (1990, 2006) ….
  + Same authors, same year
    - Add suffixes a, b, c and so forth after the year, e.g.: Derryberry and Reed (2005a, 2005b); Rothbart (2003a) argues that …
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    - Add initial(s) of the author in all of your citations even if the year of publication is different, e.g.: (Williams, A., 2009), (Williams, J., 2010).
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    - Use ‘as cited in’ if the author has cited the work of another, e.g: (Ecott, 2002 as cited in Wilson, 2009).
    - Use ‘as quoted in’ if the author has directly quoted from an original piece of work, e.g.: (Cannon, 1989 as quoted in Wilson, 2009, p. 269).
* **Citing Quotations** 
  + Quotation fewer than 40 words
    - Use quotation marks around the quote and include page numbers

Gallati (1998, p.38) contended that “the impact of technology on student learning is best observed when conducting focus groups”.

* + Quotation comprises 40 or more words
    - Display it as a separate intended block of text without the quotation marks

Gallati (1998) discovered the following:

The impact of technology on student learning is best observed when conducting focus groups In addition, students willingly discuss their experiences – positive and negative – with the researcher, thus documenting the ways in which technological advances have helped or hindered their experience as a student (p.38).

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* **Rules for Referencing**
  + For multiple authors follow the table:

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| **No. of Authors** | **In the reference list** |
| One | Author Surname, Initial(s) |
| Two to Twenty | Author Surname, Initial(s)., & Author Surname, Initial(s). (Include all authors, with the final author listed after an ampersand) |
| Twenty one or more | Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., . . . Final Author Surname, Initial(s). (Include the first nineteen authors, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author's name) |

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* When citing a chapter in a book, the initials of the editor(s) are presented before the surname e.g.: G. A. Smith, (see Book Chapter in Edited Work for more examples).
* Multiple references by the same author are listed chronologically.
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  + - Smith, A., & Jones, B. (2005).
    - Smith, A., & Wilkinson, C. (2004)

or

* + - Smith, A., Jones, N., & Adams, B. (2005)
    - Smith, A., Jones, B., & Wilkinson, A. (2005)
* References by the same author, with the same date should be ordered by title (excluding ‘A’ and ‘The’). Add a lower-case letter to the date in order to differentiate. This should match your citation in the text, e.g.: Smith, A (2015a), Smith, A. (2015b).
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* + Examples for frequently referenced items

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