

# APA Style Quick Reference

The examples cited below are similar to those from the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2001. Exact spacing and punctuation are essential (p. 290 of the Manual). APA style requires double-spacing throughout the paper, including the References page. The first lines of paragraphs should be indented 5 to 7 spaces. (page 289). For additional examples such as those below, see pages 231-281. Sample pages of a completed paper appear on pages 306-320. Examples illustrating the use of APA style for direct quotations may be found on pages 117-122 and 292-293 of the *Manual*. Author-date citations, placed within the text at the appropriate point, replace footnotes or endnotes. Two examples of author-date citations are:

Martin (1984) urges roommates to settle differences...

In her list of rules for roommates (Martin, 1984)...

## Examples

APA publishes references in a “hanging indent” format, meaning that the **first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented**. All citations are double-spaced. Page numbers refer to those in the *Manual*.

### Book by a single author (p. 248):

Gardner, H. (1993). *Creating minds*. New York: Basic Books.

### Book by two authors (p. 248):

Bennis, W. G., & Nanus, B. (1985). *Leaders: The strategies for taking charge*. New York: Harper and Row.

(For books with 3 or more authors, follow the rules for journals on pages 240-241)

### Journal Article with Continuous Pagination (p. 240):

Baptista, L. F. (1984). Song learning in the anna hummingbird. *Ethology*, 84, 15-26.

### Journal Article (scholarly journal that pages each issue separately, p. 240):

Hall, D. T. (1990). Promoting work/family balance. *Organizational Dynamics*, 18(3), 5-18.

(In this example, "18" is the volume number, "3" is the issue number, and "5-18" are the page numbers)

### Electronic Articles That Are Exact Duplicates of the Print Source (p. 271)

Warman, D. M. & Cohen, R. (2000). Stability of aggressive behaviors and children's peer relationships [Electronic version]. *Aggressive Behavior*, 26(4), 277-290.

### Full Text Article in a Database (p. 278-279):

Mates, B. F., & Strommen, L. (1995). Why Ernie can't read: 'Sesame Street' and literacy. *The Reading Teacher*, 49(4), 300. Retrieved September 5, 2001 from InfoTrac Expanded Academic Index.

### Newspaper Article - No Author (p. 242; see p. 279 for electronic version):

Don't blame the U.N. (1995, October 25). *The Wall Street Journal*, p. A22.

### Chapter in an Edited Book (p. 252):

Carlyle, T. (1995). The hero as king. In J. T. Wren (Ed.), *The leader's companion* (pp. 53-55). New York: Free Press.

### Citation of a Work Discussed in a Secondary Source (p. 247):

Example of text citation: Glasser's study (as cited in Ellis, 1999)

References list entry:

Ellis, A. (1999). Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy as an internal control psychology. *International Journal Of Reality Therapy, 19*(1), 4-11.

### Encyclopedia Article (unsigned, p. 254):

Mennonites. (1991). In *Encyclopedia of World Cultures* (Vol. 1, pp.216-220). Boston: G. K. Hall.

### Encyclopedia Article (signed, p. 254):

Corey, G. (1994). Self-esteem. In *Encyclopedia of Psychology* (Vol. 3, pp. 369-370). New York: Wiley.

### Doctoral Dissertation Abstract (p. 260-261):

Howey, S. C. (1999). The relationship between motivation and academic success of community college freshmen orientation students. *Dissertation Abstracts International, 60*(06), 1879A. (UMI No. DA9933084) Abstract obtained from Dissertation Abstracts Online.

### Government Document (agency as author, p. 257; see p. 279 for electronic versions):

U.S. Department of Education. (1989). *Youth indicators 1988: trends in the well-being of American youth*. Washington, DC: Author.

### ERIC Document on Microfiche (p. 257):

Murphy, R. T. (1991). *Educational effectiveness of Sesame Street*. (Report No. ETS-RR-91-55). Princeton, NJ: Educational Testing Service. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 385 553)

### Interviews, Telephone Conversations, E-mail (p. 214):

Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the Reference list. Cite personal communication in the text only. Give initials, surname of the communicator, and provide as exact a date as possible: (N. Schwartz, personal communication, April 1, 2001).

### Internet Materials (p. 268-281):

Bixley, T. S. (1995). *Sentient microfilaments*. Retrieved May 8, 2001 from <http://www.microfilaments.com>

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**The APA website on citing electronic resources is available at: <http://www.apastyle.org/elecref.html>**

If a citation you need is not illustrated here, please ask for the APA *Publication Manual* at the Reference Desk.