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Use these examples as models for your citations:

Journal article with DOI [digital object identifier]

Journal article without DOI, print version

Journal article without DOI, retrieved online
NOTE: For articles without DOI from library databases, include the URL of the journal’s home page. Do not include the name of retrieval database, nor retrieval date.


Magazine article

Book

Article or chapter in an edited book

Web document

Web document [no date]

Web document [no author, no date]
In Text Citation

Basic format for a quotation. Ordinarily, introduce the quotation with a signal phrase that includes the author’s last name followed by the year of publication in parentheses. Put the page number preceded by “p.” (or “pp.” for more than one page) in parentheses after the quotation.

Critser (2003) noted that despite growing numbers of overweight Americans, many health care providers still “remain either in ignorance or outright denial about the health danger to the poor and the young” (p. 5).

If the author is not named in the signal phrase, place the author’s name, the year, and the page number in parentheses after the quotation: (Critser, 2003, p. 5).

NOTE: APA style requires the year of publication in an in-text citation. Do not include a month.

Basic format for a summary or a paraphrase. Include the author’s last name and the year either in a signal phrase introducing the material or in parentheses following it. Give a page number to help readers find the passage.

Yanovski and Yanovski (2002) explained that sibutramine suppresses appetite by blocking the reuptake of the neurotransmitters serotonin and norepinephrine in the brain (p. 594).

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Work with two authors. Name both authors in the signal phrase or the parentheses each time you cite the work. In the parentheses, use “&” between authors’ names; in the signal phrase, use “and.”

Work with three to five authors. Identify all authors in the signal phrase or the parentheses the first time you cite the source. In subsequent citations, use the first author’s name followed by “et al.” in either the signal phrase or the parentheses.

As Berkowitz et al. (2003) advised, “Until more extensive safety and efficacy....

Work with unknown author. If the author is unknown, mention the work’s title in the signal phrase or give the first word or two of the title in the parenthetical citation. Titles of articles and chapters are put in quotation marks; titles of books and reports are italicized.

Children struggling to control their weight must also struggle with the pressures of television advertising that, on the one hand, encourages the consumption of junk food and, on the other, celebrates thin celebrities (“Television,” 2002).

Organization as author. If the author is a government agency or another organization, name the organization in the signal phrase or in the parenthetical citation the first time you cite the source.

Obesity puts children at risk for a number of medical complications, including type 2 diabetes, hypertension, sleep apnea, orthopedic problems (Henry Kaiser Family Foundation, 2004, p. 1).

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