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1. Book with One Author (7.02, #18, p. 203)

Reference

Skinner, B.F. (1969). *Contingencies of reinforcement*. New York, NY: Appleton-Century-Crofts.

In-text citation

. . . which offered a theoretical backdrop for a number of innovative behavior modification approaches (Skinner, 1969).

2. Edited Book (7.02, p. 202)

Reference

Bremner, G., & Fogel, A. (Eds.). (2001). *Blackwell handbook of infant development*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

In-text citation

(Bremner & Fogel, 2001)

3. Chapter in an Edited Book (#25, p. 204)

Reference

Harlow, H. F. (1958). Biological and biochemical basis of behavior. In D. C. Spencer (Ed.), *Symposium on interdisciplinary research* (pp. 239-252). Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.

In-text citation

. . . the elucidation of the potency of infant-mother relationships, showing how later adaptations echo the quality of early interpersonal experiences (Harlow, 1958).

4. Chapter in an Edited Book, Electronic Version

Reference with DOI

Liben, L. (2009). Giftedness during childhood: The spatial-graphic domain. In F. D. Horowitz, R. F. Subotnik, & D. J. Matthews (Eds.), *The development of giftedness and talent across the life span* (pp. 59-74). doi:10.1037/11867-004

In-text citation

... more attention needs to be paid to spatial intelligence (Liben, 2009).

Reference with no DOI

Kang, D. (2003). Hierarchy and stability in Asian international relations. In G. J. Ikenberry & M. Mastanduno (Eds.), *International relations theory and the Asia-Pacific* (pp. 163-189). Retrieved from <http://www.ciaonet.org/>

In-text citation

(Kang, 2003)

5. Book, No Author or Editor (6.27, p. 184)

Reference

Art students international. (1988). Princeton, NJ: Educational Publications International.

In-text citation

... the number of recent graduates from art schools in France has shown that this is a trend worldwide (*Art Students International*, 1988).

6. Book, Third Edition (7.02, p. 203)

Reference

Strunk, W., Jr., & White, E. B. (1979). *The elements of style* (3rd ed.). New York, NY: Macmillan.

In-text citation

The passive voice is often “less direct, less bold, and less concise” (Strunk & White, 1979, p. 11).

7. Book, Revised Edition (7.02, p. 203)

Cohen, J. (1977). *Manual labor and dream analysis* (Rev. ed.). New York, NY: Paradise Press.

8. Book, Corporate Author, Fourth Edition, Author as Publisher (6.30, p. 187)

American Psychiatric Association. (2000). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (4th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Note: For the *DSM-IV-TR*, use (4th ed., text rev.). In text, cite the name of the association and the name of the manual in full at first mention in the text; thereafter, you may refer to the traditional *DSM* form (italicized), such as *DSM-IV* or *DSM-IV-TR*.

9. Book, English Translation (#26, p. 204)

Reference

Luria, A. R. (1969). *The mind of a mnemonist* (L. Solotaroff, Trans.). New York, NY: Avon Books.

(Original work published 1965)

In-text citation

(Luria, 1965/1969)

10. Electronic Book (# 19, #20, p. 203)

Reference

Brause, R. S. (2000). *Writing your doctoral dissertation: Invisible rules for success*. Retrieved from

<http://site.ebrary.com/lib/lesley/Doc?id=5001348>

In-text citation

Most doctoral program can be divided into eight relatively predictable stages (Brause, 2000).

11. Book, Several Volumes in a Multi-Volume Edited Work (#23, p. 204)

Reference

Wilson, J. G., & Fraser, F. (Eds.). (1988-1990). *Handbook of wizards* (Vols. 1-4). New York, NY:

Plenum Press.

In-text citation

. . . The cognitive development of the characters in Karlin's class illustrates the validity of this new method of testing (Wilson & Fraser, 1988-1990).

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Articles

[Journal, with a DOI](#) / [Journal, with no DOI, from Library Database](#) / [Online Journal or Magazine, with no DOI](#) / [Journal, 8 or more Authors](#) / [Cited in Secondary Source](#) / [Newspaper \(Electronic\)](#) / [Newspaper \(Print\)](#) / [Test Review](#)

12. Journal Article with a DOI, Print or Electronic Version (# 1, p. 198)

Reference

Kim, J., Wigram, T., & Gold, C. (2008). The effects of improvisational music therapy on joint attention behaviors in autistic children: A randomized controlled study. *Journal of Autism & Developmental Disorders*, 38, 1758-1766. doi:10.1007/s10803-008-0566-6

[Note: When a DOI is provided, it is the last element in the citation. There is no period at the end of the DOI. Whether obtained in print or online, no other retrieval information is needed (Section 6.32 & 7.01 example 1).]

In- text citation

One recent study concluded that “improvisational music therapy has the potential to facilitate skills fundamental to social interaction, especially nonverbal interaction in children with autism” (Kim, Wigram, & Gold, 2008, p. 1764).

13. Journal Article with no DOI, from a Library Database (6.32 & 7.01, #3)

Arriaza, G. (2004). Making changes that stay made: School reform and community involvement. *High School Journal*, 87(4), 10-24. Retrieved from <http://soe.unc.edu/hsj/>

[Note: If no DOI has been assigned, APA 6th stipulates that you should include the URL for the journal home page instead. However, for the purpose of student papers, we suggest that you include this URL only if the article is not available as a PDF file (since a PDF will generally be identical to the print version). To find the journal home page URL, do an Internet search for the name of the journal in quotation marks. If you have trouble finding the journal home page, [Ask A Librarian!](#) (You don't need to include database information in the citation unless the document is available only in this database, e.g., an ERIC document or a discontinued journal in JSTOR.)]

14. Online Journal or Magazine Article with no DOI (not from a Library Database) (6.32 & 7.01, #8)

Price, M. (2009, December). New insights on homelessness and violence. *Monitor on Psychology*, 40(11). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/2009/12/violence.aspx>

[Note: If no DOI has been assigned, provide the direct URL. Notice that there are no page numbers for this example, as it is a webpage, not a PDF file.]

15. Journal Article, 8 or More Authors (6.12, p. 175; #2, p. 198)

Reference

Gilbert, D. G., McClernon, J. F., Rabinovich, N. E., Sugai, C., Plath, L. C., Asgaard, G., ... Botros, N. (2004). Effects of quitting smoking on EEG activation and attention last for more than 31 days and are more severe with stress, dependence, DRD2 A1 allele, and depressive traits. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 6, 249-267. doi:10.1080/14622200410001676305

[Note: If the work has 8 or more authors, list the first six authors followed by comma, space, an ellipsis [3 periods ...], and the last author. For 1-7 authors, include all names in the reference list entry.]

In-text citation

(Gilbert et al., 1991).

[Note: Use this style (surname of the first author followed by *et al.*) for your in-text citation for 6 or more authors. For 3 to 5 authors, cite all of the authors' surnames the first time, but then use the surname of the first author followed by *et al.* for any subsequent citations. See the APA 6th, Table 6.1, p. 177 for detailed examples.]

16. Work Discussed in Another Source (Secondary Source) (6.17, p. 178)

Reference

Beatty, J. (1982). Task-evoked pupillary responses, processing load, and the structure of processing resources. *Psychological Bulletin*, 91, 276-292.

In-text citation

Johnson's study (as cited in Beatty, 1982) illustrates that . . .

17. Newspaper Article, No Author, Electronic Version (#11, p. 200)

Reference

Sequoia smog threatens health of redwoods. (2012, May 29). *The Boston Globe*.
<http://www.bostonglobe.com/news/nation/2012/05/28/sequoia-smog-may-damaging-redwoods/8YwGsxoal1rqhvuu8HreTM/story.html>

In-text citation

The long-term effects of the high ozone levels on the giant Sequoia redwoods are unclear ("Sequoia smog," 2012).

18. Newspaper Article, Print Version (#10, p. 200)

Reference

Otterman, S. (2010, April 26). Low income, top scores: A school defies the odds. *The New York Times*, p. A18.

In-text citation

Fourth-grade math scores placed the school among the top dozen in the city (Otterman, 2010).

19. Test Review from Mental Measurements Yearbook Database

Reference

Cosden, M., & Morrison, G.M. (1991). [Review of the *Draw a person: Screening procedure for emotional disturbance*]. In J. C. Conoley & J. C. Impara (Eds.), *The twelfth mental measurements yearbook*. Retrieved from <http://www.unl.edu/buros>

In-text citation

... the reliability of the test is considered relatively high (Cosden & Morrison, 1991).

[Note: The authors here are the authors of the review; the test authors do not appear in the test review citation. You'll find the edition of the yearbook in the database record under the heading **Yearbook** (e.g., **Yearbook: 12** translates to *The twelfth mental measurement yearbook*). To find the editors of a particular edition of the yearbook, see the list of example citations on the Buros website: <http://buros.org/how-cite-reviews-buros-institutes-mental-measurements-yearbook>.]

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ERIC Documents

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20. ERIC Document from Print or Microfiche

Reference

Education Development Center, Inc. (1998). *Translating the IEP into everyday practice. Training guides for the Head Start learning community*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (ERIC Document No. ED424022)

In-text citation

... assists in formulating strategies for translating IEP goals and objectives into classroom activities (Education Development Center, 1998).

21. ERIC Document from ERIC Database: Book or Monograph (#22, p. 204)

Jarrett, D. (1999). *The inclusive classroom: Mathematics and science instruction for students with learning disabilities. It's just good teaching* [Monograph]. Retrieved from <http://eric.ed.gov/>

22. ERIC Document from ERIC Database: Informally Published or Self-archived Work (#62, p. 212)

Schuster, N. C. (2009). *The impact of homework and homework preferences in ninth grade geography*. Retrieved from ERIC database. (ED507308)

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Theses & Dissertations

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23. Unpublished Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation, Print (7.05. p. 207)

Caravaggio, Q. T. (1992). *Trance and clay therapy* (Unpublished master's thesis). Lesley University, Cambridge, MA.

Arbor, C.F. (1995). *Early intervention strategies for adolescents* (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

24. Master's Thesis or Doctoral Dissertation, from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Database (#40, p. 208)

Barajas-Lopez, F. (2009). *Between the border of hope and despair: Immigrant student narratives on schooling and mathematics learning* (Doctoral dissertation). Available from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database. (Publication No. AAT 3388187)

Stevens, E. D. (2010). *Inquiry learning in urban education* (Master's thesis). Available from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database. (Publication No. AAT 1478377)

25. Doctoral Dissertation, from the Scholarship @ Lesley Collection (Institutional Database) (#41, p. 208)

Donovan, L. (2005). *Aesthetics of listening: Creating spaces of learning* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from <http://ir.flo.org/lesley/institutionalPublicationPublicView.action?institutionalItemId=5>

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[Note: According to APA, many webpage titles will not be italicized in the reference list. This is because most webpages are part of a greater whole (the website), just as a book chapter is part of a greater whole (the book). In the case of a webpage, however, you do not include the title of the greater whole (the website) in your reference, since it is not necessary for retrieval (in contrast to a book for a book chapter). (See ex. 27-29, 31, & 33.) On the other hand, if you are citing a stand-alone web document, such as a report or a government document, you do italicize the title (see ex. 30 and 32 below).]

26. Entire Website

If you are citing an entire website and not a particular document, fact, or idea, you can simply include the URL in parentheses in your text. No entry in the Reference List is needed.

Example:

The APA Style website (<http://www.apastyle.org/>) has a variety of useful resources.

27. Webpage with Personal Author, No Date

Palmer, D. (n.d.). Cut and paste: A history of photomontage. Retrieved from

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/davepalmer/cutandpaste/intro.html>

28. Webpage Article with No Author

Reference

Students report more serious stress. (2010, January 28). Retrieved from

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/34803404/ns/health-kids_and_parenting/

In-text citation

Others think the increase is due to greater awareness of mental health services (“Students report,” 2010).

29. Webpage Published by an Organization

Reference

American Cancer Society. (2012). Child and teen tobacco use. Retrieved from

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/tobaccocancer/childandteentobaccouse/child-and-teen-tobacco-use-child-and-teen-tobacco-use>

In-text citation

... makes it more difficult to quit (American Cancer Society, 2012).

30. Report Published on the Web by an Organization

Reference

United Nations Development Group. (2008). *Guidelines on indigenous peoples' issues*. Retrieved from

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/indigenous/docs/guidelines.pdf>

In-text citation

...must follow basic human rights principles (United Nations Development Group, 2008).

31. Lesson Plan on the Web

Shea, M. (n.d.). Paul Revere: American patriot [Lesson plan]. Retrieved from

http://rwtverio.ncte.org/lessons/lesson_view6bfb.html

32. Government Document on the Web

Massachusetts Department of Education. (2001). *Massachusetts English language arts curriculum framework*. Retrieved from <http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/ela/0601.pdf>

33. Blog Post (#76, p. 215)

Salman, A. (2010, April 8). Women's rights in Pakistan [Blog post]. Retrieved from

<http://globalvoicesonline.org/2010/04/08/womens-rights-in-pakistan/>

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34. Video or DVD (#49, p. 209)

Gardner, H. (Writer), & DiNozzi, R. (Producer/Director). (1996). *MI: Intelligence, understanding and the mind* [Motion picture]. Los Angeles, CA: Into the Classroom Media.

35. Video from a Library Database

Lerner, S. (Producer/Director). (2007). *Classroom interventions for ADHD* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://vast.alexanderstreet.com/>

36. Video Blog Post (e.g., YouTube Video) (#77, p. 215)

Emory University. (2010, April 14). Yiddish revival [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFOsCtgkq8I>

37. Television Episode from the Web (#51, p. 210)

Dretzin, R. (Writer), & Goodman, B. (Director). (2001). The merchants of cool [Television series episode]. In M. Sullivan (Executive Producer). *Frontline*. Retrieved from <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/>

38. Music Recording, Whole Tape, LP, or CD (#52, p. 210)

Rorem, N. (1992). *Winter pages; Bright music* [CD]. New York, NY: New World Records.

39. Music Recording, One Selection (#52, p. 210)

Ponce, M. (1914). Estrellita [Recorded by L. Afshar]. *On A jug of wine and thou*. [CD]. Tempe, AZ: Summit Records. (1999)

40. Artistic Work

Van Gogh, V. (1888). *Entrance to the public gardens in Arles* [Painting]. New York, NY: Metropolitan Museum of Art.

41. Artistic Work from the Web

Cassatt, M. S. (1878). *In the loge* [Painting]. Retrieved from http://www.mfa.org/americas-wing/galleries_02.html

42. Item Distributed Via Course Pack

For articles or book chapters reproduced in a course pack but originally published in a book, journal, or newspaper, APA recommends citing the original source, ignoring its distribution via course pack.

43. Interviews and Other Personal Communications

The APA considers all personal communications, including interviews, as non-recoverable data, and therefore recommends that you not include these citations in your reference list. Instead, you should simply include an acknowledgement in the text of your paper, in the form of a parenthetical statement. Provide the initials as well as the surname of the person and as exact a date as possible.

(D. Johnson, personal communication, February 14, 2010)

D. Johnson (personal communication, February 14, 2010) provided an interesting description...

44. Class Lectures

Only include class lectures in your reference list if they are formal lectures that recur each year for which your professor likely has extensive notes. For more informal class discussions use the Personal Communication format above.

Dockray-Miller, M. (2004, March). *Modernism: A quick overview*. Lecture given in CLITR 2116 English Literature II: Romanticism to the Present, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA.

45. Quote from Another Source (Secondary Source) (6.17, p. 178)

If you will be using information from a source that is attributed to a separate author than the source you actually read, you need to include the source you read in your reference list and mention the author that work discusses in the text of your paper. In the example below, you would actually have the article by Beatty in hand but want to refer to the study by Johnson (unread by you) that Beatty mentioned.

Reference

Beatty, J. (1982). Task-evoked pupillary responses, processing load, and the structure of processing resources. *Psychological Bulletin*, 91, 276-292.

In-text citation

Johnson's study (as cited in Beatty, 1982) illustrates that . . .

Some Notes on In-text Citations

Format of in-text citations

Your in-text citation should include the author's (or authors') last name and the publication date (and a page number if you are quoting a specific passage). If you refer to the author in your running text, you do not repeat the author's name in your parenthetical citation:

The comma is ... (Strunk & White, 1979)

Strunk & White (1979) stress that the comma is ...

Page numbers for in-text citations

When you are directly quoting a source, always include a page number in your in-text citation, if available. Although a page number is not required when you are paraphrasing, APA encourages you to include one when it would help a reader find a specific passage you are citing. (See APA 6th, 6.04, p. 171.) If no page numbers are available, use paragraph numbers (with the abbreviation *para.*), if they are visible. If neither page numbers nor paragraph numbers are provided, use headings instead (in quotation marks), if available. (See APA 6th, 6.05, p 172.)

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