Citing Information in the APA Style

Academic disciplines employ different ways of citing sources used in scholarly research. One of the most widely used style manuals in higher education is from the American Psychological Association (APA). It is utilized in the social and behavioral science fields. The citation page is most often entitled References and entries must be alphabetized.

Below are examples of how to cite the most used types of resources. Keep in mind your entries need to be double-spaced and have a hanging indent.

Other examples may be found by consulting:
- Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (REF BF 76.7 .P83 2010)
- Owl@Purdue Online Writing Lab https://owl.english.purdue.edu
- APA Style http://www.apastyle.org/

Citing Books...

Print Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication). Title of book. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Example:

Electronic Format (eBook):
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication). Title of book. [eBook version]. Retrieved from

http://xxx.xxx/xxx/xxx

Example:
Citing CQ Researcher...

Electronic format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. CQ Researcher, Volume, page numbers. Retrieved from http://library.cqpress.com

Example:

Citing Encyclopedias...

Print Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. In Encyclopedia name. (Edition if any, Volume number, pp. numbers). Place of publication: Publisher.

Example:

Electronic Format:
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of entry or article. In name of editor if there is one (Ed.), Name of reference source. Retrieved from http://xxx.xxx/xxx/xx

Example:

Citing Interviews You Conducted...

Personal Interview Format:
(First initial. Last Name, Kind of interview, Date in format of month date, year).

Example:
(R. Brenner, personal communication, April 14, 2006).

*Note: An interview is not considered recoverable data, so no reference is provided in the reference list.
Citing Journals...

Print Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal, Volume number* (Issue number), page numbers.

Example:

Electronic Format with DOI*– Digital Object Identifier:

Electronic Format without DOI*– Digital Object Identifier:

Citing Magazines...

Print Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month). Title of article. *Title of Magazine, Volume number* (Issue number if there is one), page numbers.

Example:

Electronic Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month). Title of article. *Title of Magazine, Volume number* (Issue number if there is one). Retrieved from [http://xxx.xxx/xxx](http://xxx.xxx/xxx)

Example:
Citing Movies...
Format:
Producer’s Last Name, Initials. (Producer), & Director’s Last name, Initials. (Director). (Year of release). Title. [Format]. Country of origin: Studio.

Example:

Citing Newspapers...
Print Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month date). Title of article. Title of Newspaper, page numbers.

Example:

*Note: Unlike other periodicals, p. or pp. precedes page numbers for a newspaper reference in APA style. Single pages use p. (for example, p. B2) and multiple pages use pp. (for example, pp. B2, B4 or C1, C3-C4).

Electronic Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of Publication, Month date). Title of article. Title of Newspaper. Retrieved from http://xxx.xxx/xxx.xxx

Example:

Citing Opposing Viewpoints...
Print Format:
Author’s Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. In name of editor if there is one (Ed.), Opposing Viewpoints: Title of book (pp. xx-xx). Place of publication: Publisher.

Example:
Electronic Format:
Author's Last Name, Initials. (Year of publication). Title of article. In name of editor if there is one (Ed.), Title of book. Retrieved from http://xxx.xxx/xxx.xxx

Example:

Citing Streaming Video: Complete Video from a Database....
Format:
Producer’s Last Name, Initials. (Producer). (Year Produced). Name of Video [Format]. Retrieved from Database Name and URL

Example:

Citing Websites...
Format:
Sponsoring organization. (Year of publication). Title of webpage. Retrieved from

http://xxx.xxx/xxx.xxx

Example:

Parenthetical Documentation...
In-text Citation
“Physical educators at the secondary level should focus their efforts on helping students adopt and maintain an active lifestyle.” (Ciccomascolo et al., 2006).

*A DOI is a permanent ID that, when appended to http://dx.doi.org/ in the address bar of an Internet browser, will lead to the source. If no DOI is available on the database record, list a URL (web address.) Include an access date only if one is required by your publisher or discipline.

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