

# APA Style Guide for References

Examples are based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. This handout is only a cheat sheet for a few of the most basic rules and commonly used references. For more examples, help with formatting, and in-text citations consult the actual manual or the Purdue OWL: <http://owl.purdue.edu/owl>. The English Center is another option for additional help on campus (L-209).

## General Guidelines for APA Style

- Reference lists appear at the end of papers on a separate page.
- A reference generally has four elements: **author, date, title, and source**.
- If you cannot find all the information shown in an example, **cite what is available**.
- Use a **hanging indent** and **double spacing** throughout the reference list.
- Arrange entries in reference list in **alphabetical order** by the last name of the first author.
- End citations for print sources with a **period**, omit the final period for electronic sources.
- Indicate the **URL** or **DOI** for electronic resources when known.
- If the work you want to cite does not exactly match any example, consult the manual and choose one that is most similar and adapt. See templates and all 114 examples in **chapter 10** of the APA manual.
- Finally, your professor will be grading your work. They want you to succeed. For more help, ask them!

## **Examples:**

For comprehensive templates, examples, discussion, and extra notes see the APA manual, Chapter 10. Note: All citations on this handout are not double spaced due to space constraints but would be in a proper APA paper.

### Books

#### **Authored print or ebook with a DOI**

Brown, L.S. (2018). *Feminist therapy* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). American Psychological Association.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/0000092-000>

#### **Authored print or ebook without a DOI, from most academic research databases or print version**

Burgess, R. (2019). *Rethinking global health: Frameworks of power*. Routledge.

#### **Edited print or ebook without a DOI, from most academic research databases or print version**

Hacker, Hughes, J. (Ed.). (2017). *Military veteran psychological health and social care: Contemporary approaches*. Routledge.

#### **Diagnostic manual (DSM, ICD)**

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.).  
<https://doi/10.1176/appi.books.9780890425596>

### Periodicals

#### **Journal article with a DOI**

McCauley, S. M., & Christiansen, M. H. (2019). Language learning as language use: A cross-linguistic model of child language development. *Psychological Review*, 126(1), 1-51. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rev0000126>

#### **Journal article without a DOI, with a nondatabase URL**

Ahmann, E., Tuttle, L. J., Saviat, M., & Wright, S. D. (2018). A descriptive review of ADHD coaching research: Implications for college students. *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*, 31(1), 17-39.  
<https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/publications/jped/archived-jped/jped-volume-31>

#### **Journal, magazine, or newspaper article without a DOI, from most academic research databases or print**

Anderson, M. (2018). Getting consistent with consequences. *Educational Leadership*, 76(1), 26-33.

Goldman, C. (2018, November 28). The complicated calibration of love, especially in adoption. *Chicago Tribune*.

#### **Blog post**

Klymkowski, M. (2018, September 15). Can we talk scientifically about free will? *Sci-Ed*.  
<https://blogs.plos.org/scied/2018/09/15/can-we-talk-scientifically-about-free-will/>

## Audiovisual/Audio Works

### **Film or Video**

Jackson, P. (Director). (2001). *The lord of the rings: The fellowship of the ring* [Film; four-disc special extended ed. on DVD]. WingNut Films; The Saul Zaentz Company.

### **TED Talk**

Giertz, S. (2018, April). *Why you should make useless things* [Video]. TED Conferences. [https://www.ted.com/talks/simone\\_giertz\\_why\\_you\\_should\\_make\\_useless\\_things](https://www.ted.com/talks/simone_giertz_why_you_should_make_useless_things)

### **YouTube video, or other streaming video**

Fogarty, M. [Grammar Girl]. (2016, September 30). *How to diagram a sentence (absolute basics)* [Video]. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/deiEY5Yq1qI>

### **Podcast episode**

Glass, I. (Host). (2011, August 12). Amusement park (No. 443) [Audio podcast episode]. In *This American life*. WBEZ Chicago. <https://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/443/amusement-park>

## Social Media

### **Tweet**

White, B. [@BettyMWhite]. (2018, June 21). *I treasure every minute we spent together #koko* [Image attached] [Tweet]. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/BettyMWhite/status/1009951892846227456>

### **Facebook post**

National Institute of Mental Health. (2018, November 28). *Suicide affects all ages, genders, races, and ethnicities. Check out these 5 Action Steps for Helping Someone in Emotional Pain* [Infographic]. Facebook. <http://bit.ly/321Qstq>

### **Instagram photo or video**

Zeitzy MOCAA [@zeitzymocaa]. (2018, November 26). *Grade 6 learners from Parkfields Primary School in Hanover Park visited the museum for a tour and workshop hosted by* [Photographs]. Instagram. <https://www.instagram.com/p/BqpHjFBs3b/>

### **Online forum post**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration [nasa]. (2018, September 12). *I'm NASA astronaut Scott Tingle. Ask me anything about adjusting to being back on Earth after my first spaceflight!* [Online forum post]. Reddit. [https://reddit.com/r/IAMA/comments/9fagqy/im\\_nasa\\_astronaut\\_scott\\_tingle\\_ask\\_me\\_anything/](https://reddit.com/r/IAMA/comments/9fagqy/im_nasa_astronaut_scott_tingle_ask_me_anything/)

## Webpages and Websites

### **Webpage on a news website**

Avramova, N. (2019, January 3). *The secret to a long, happy, healthy life? Think age-positive*. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/03/health/respect-toward-elderly-leads-to-long-life-intl/index.html>

### **Webpage on a website with a group author**

World Health Organization (2018, March). *Questions and answers on immunization and vaccine safety*. <https://www.who.int/features/qa/84/en/>

### **Webpage on a website with no date**

Boddy, J., Neumann, T., Jennings, S., Morrow, V., Alderson, P., Rees, R., & Gibson, W. (n.d.). *Ethics principles*. The Research Ethics Guidebook: A Resource for Social Scientists. <http://www.ethicsguidebook.ac.uk/EthicsPrinciples>

### **Webpage on a website with a retrieval date**

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock*. U.S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved July 3, 2019, from <https://www.census.gov/popclock/>