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APA Guide for Reference List and In-text Citation Entries

The purpose of this guide is to provide examples of reference list and in-text citation entries. These examples are based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.).

Remember, reference list entries are double spaced and in hanging indent format. Consult this [document](#) for help with creating a hanging indent using Word 2007.

A major change in reference list entries for electronic documents concerns the use of a digital object identifier (DOI). Use this [link](#) to learn more about or to search for a resource's DOI.

When an electronic resource does not have a DOI, you should "...provide the home page URL of the journal or of the book or report publisher" (American Psychological Association [APA], 2010, p. 191). It may be necessary to search the web for this URL. Notice, in most instances, database retrieval information is no longer used.

Scholarly Journal Article with DOI (three authors)

Archbold, C.A., Hassell, K. D., & Stichman, A. (2010). Comparing promotion aspirations among female and male police officers. *International Journal of Police Science & Management*, 12, 287-303. doi:10.1350/ijps.2010.12.2.175

1st in-text citation: (Archbold, Hassel, & Stichman, 2010) Subsequent: (Archbold et al., 2010)

Scholarly Journal Article without DOI [Print] (one author)

Jacobson, G. C. (2010). Perception, memory, and partisan polarization on the Iraq war. *Political Science Quarterly*, 125(1), 31-56.

1st in-text citation: (Jacobson, 2010) Subsequent: (Jacobson, 2010)

Scholarly Journal Article without DOI [Electronic from database] (two authors)

Ingram, J. D., & Triadafilopoulos, T. (2010). Rights, norms, and politics: The case of German citizenship reform. *Social Research*, 77, 353-382. Retrieved from <http://www.socres.org>

1st and subsequent in-text citation: (Ingram & Triadafilopoulos, 2010)

Note: Journal's home page URL is cited in retrieval statement.

Watch this 3 minute [tutorial](#) concerning how to locate journal homepage URLs.

First and Subsequent In-text Citations:

2 authors: Cite both names each time

3 to 5 authors: Cite all names in the first citation; in subsequent citations, cite only the first author followed by “et al.”

6 or more authors: Cite only the surname of the first author followed by “et al.” for all entries.

Page numbers with in-text citations:

“When quoting, always provide the author, year, and specific page citation or paragraph number for nonpaginated material...” (APA, 2010, p. 170).

Magazine Article [Print]

Wolman, D. (2010, May). The autie advantage. *New Scientist*, 206(2758), 33-35.

Magazine Article [Electronic]

Gore, A. (2010, June). The crisis comes ashore. *New Republic*, 24(9), 10-12. Retrieved from <http://www.thenewrepublic.com>

Newspaper Article [Print]

Weisman, J., Chazan, G., & Power, S. (2010, May 28). Spill tops Valdez disaster. *The Wall Street Journal*, pp. A1, A6.

Newspaper Article [Electronic version from *ProQuest Newspapers* database]

Needleman, S. E. (2010, June 1). Merchants push sales through social media: Early adopters add shopping-cart apps to fan pages to sell items, services. *The Wall Street Journal*. Retrieved from <http://online.wsj.com/home-page>

Book with Editor [Print]

Wilson, J.K. (Ed.). (2009). *The Praeger handbook of victimology*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC CLIO.

Chapter in a Book [Print]

Bolton, P., Brunnermeier, M.K., & Veldkamp, L. (2010). Economists' perspective on leadership. In N. Nohria & R. Khurama (Eds.), *Handbook of leadership theory and practice* (pp. 239-264). Boston, MA: Harvard Business Press.

Book [Electronic version from eBook database]

Kreyling, M. (1998). *Inventing Southern literature*. Retrieved from <http://www.upress.state.ms.us/>

Note: Provide publisher homepage URL, not database information in retrieval statement.

Religious/Classical Works

“Reference list entries are not required for major classical works...or classical religious works; simply identify in the first citation in the text the version you used” (APA, 2010, p. 179.)

For example: 1 Cor. 13:1 (Revised Standard Version)

Unsigned entry from *Europa World Plus Database*

Bermuda. (n.d.). Retrieved June 4, 2010, from <http://www.europaworld.com>

Note: Retrieval date is cited because content in this database is updated.

Signed entry from *Europa World Plus Database*

Wearne, P. (n.d.). *French Guiana - Economy* (Revised by P. Clegg). Retrieved June 4, 2010, from <http://www.europaworld.com>

In-text citation: (Wearn, n.d., para. 4)

Note: Since text is unpaginated, paragraph number is cited. APA now calls for the use of “para.” instead of ¶.

Informally published work from ERIC database

Southern Maine Library District, Portland. (1988). *A bare bones reference collection for small and medium-sized public libraries in Maine*. Retrieved from ERIC database. (ED316265)

Note: This resource can only be found in ERIC in electronic format. Database is cited in retrieval statement along with the accession number assigned by the database.

Website document [Corporate author]

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. (2008). *Gestational diabetes*. Retrieved June 7, 2010, from http://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/Gestational_Diabetes.cfm

1st in-text citation: (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [NICHD], 2008)

Subsequent: (NICHD, 2008).

Note: Break URLs when necessary before punctuation.

Note: Retrieval date cited only when document content is likely to change.

Legal Materials

“A typical reference form for court decisions includes (a) title or name of the case (usually one party vs. another); (b) the citation, usually to a volume and page of one of the various sets of books (called *reporters*, which usually contain decisions of courts in particular political division, or *jurisdictions*) where published cases can be found (e.g., the *Federal Reporter, Second Series*); and finally, (c) the precise jurisdiction of the court writing the decision (e.g., the New York Court of Appeals), in parentheses, including the date of the decision” (APA, 2010, p. 216).

Reference list entry:

Lessard v. Schmidt, 349 F. Supp. 1078 (E.D. Wis. 1972)

In-text citation includes case name in italics:

(*Lessard v. Schmidt*, 1972)

For more information about references to legal materials, consult pages 216-224 in the APA manual.

Reference

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, D.C: Author.