APA referencing (7th ed.)

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Introduction

This tutorial details the APA style of referencing based upon the advice given in the book "Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 7th ed." (American Psychological Association. (2020). Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th ed.)) This is the style of APA that the University Library supports.

The American Psychological Association maintains the APA Style Blog which gives advice on a generic APA reference with examples for new item types when the need arises.

Referencing in the APA style is a two-part process:

- **Citation in the text**: this is the brief indication of the source within the text of your work immediately following the use of the material whether quoted or paraphrased.

- **Reference list**: a complete list of all the cited references used in your work with full bibliographic details, to allow the reader to follow up these references and find the original text.

It is important to be **consistent** and **accurate** when citing references. The same set of rules should be followed every time you reference, including the layout and punctuation. Punctuation should be used to clearly separate each element of a reference.

Creating a citation and reference list

Creating a citation

APA is an author/date method. Sources are cited within the body of the text by giving the name of the author(s) followed by the date of publication. All other details about the publication are given in the list of references or bibliography at the end.

Rules about citing

One author or creator

**First use of the citation:**

*Author Surname (Year) or (Author Surname, Year)*

**Second and further uses of the citation:**

*Author Surname (Year) or (Author Surname, Year)*

Two authors or creators

**First use of the citation:**

*Author Surname and Author Surname (Year) or (Author Surname & Author Surname, Year)*

**Second and further uses of the citation:**
Three or more authors or creators

First use of the citation:

First Author Surname et al. (Year) or (First Author Surname et al., Year)

Second and further uses of the citation:

First Author Surname et al. (Year) or (First Author Surname et al., Year)

• If the author(s) name appears in the text as part of the body of the assignment, then the year will follow in rounded brackets e.g. According to Smith (2015)...

• If the author(s) name does not appear in the body of the text then the name and date should appear in rounded brackets separated by a comma, e.g. (Smith, 2015).

• If more than one of your citations is written by the same author and have the same year of publication, then use a lower case letter after the publication date. The letter should be assigned in the reference list by the order of your references, e.g. (Smith, 2015a) (Smith, 2015b).

• Some authors have the same surname, if this occurs you should add the initial(s) of the author in all of your citations even if the year of publication is different, e.g. (Williams, A., 2009), (Williams, J., 2010).

• You may need to cite more than one piece of work for some ideas. If this is the case you would list the author(s) in alphabetical order (by the first author of each piece of work) with a semicolon separating the citations, e.g. (Jones, 2014; Smith, 2015).

• For items where the author is a corporation, association or government agency:
  o If the name of the corporation/agency/government agency is long, or is well known by an abbreviation, then the first time you cite the resource in your work you would write out the name in full with the abbreviation in square brackets after, and then use the abbreviation for second and further citations of the resource e.g. (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], 2016) or National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], (2016). The second and further citations would then read (NICE, 2016) or NICE (2016).
  o If the corporation/association/government agency has a short name, or an abbreviation that would not be easily understandable, then you would use the full name in all citations, e.g. (University of Sheffield, 2016) or University of Sheffield (2016).

• Some works may not have an identifiable author; to cite this in the text you would use the first few words of the title and the year.
  o For chapters in books, web pages and journal articles use quotation marks around the title e.g. ("Title", 1909).
For the title of a book, periodical or report you would use italics for the first few words of the title, e.g. (Title, 1909).

- When a work has been designated Anonymous, you would cite this in the text as Anonymous followed by the date, e.g. (Anonymous, 2008).
- If no date of publication or copyright can be found, use n.d. for "no date", e.g. (Wilkinson, n.d.).

Quoting

Direct quotations

If you use someone else's work exactly as it appears in the original source, you must always provide the author, year of publication, and page citation (or paragraph for non-paginated sources such as websites).

Quotation less than 40 words

If the quotation is less than 40 words, then you can include it in the body of the text, enclosed in quotation marks with the source identified immediately after.

If you have not introduced the quotation in the sentence before, then you would follow the quotation with full details of the citation (Author(s), date, and page).

If the author and date have been used in the sentence introducing the quotation, then you follow the quotation with the page number in rounded brackets.

If the quotation ends your sentence, include the rounded brackets in the sentence with a full stop after the closed bracket:

There is still a labelling issue when it comes to flavourings in food, it is noted that, "flavours such as vanillin which occur naturally in food are called 'nature-incidental'. The label does not have to state where it comes from" (Wilson, 2009, p. 257).

If the quotation makes up part of a sentence, then end the quotation with double quotation marks (") with the source immediately after, and continue on with the sentence:

Wilson (2009) notes that "flavours such as vanillin which occur naturally in food are called ‘nature-identical’. The label does not have to state where it comes from" (p. 257) meaning that the...

More than 40 words

If the quotation is more than 40 words, then it should be presented in a new paragraph which is indented from the normal margin. The quote should be preceded by a colon.

If the author and date have been used in the sentence introducing the quotation, then you would follow the quotation with the page number in rounded brackets e.g.

Wilson (2009) has looked at food flavourings in the UK and has made the following observation about vanilla:
In Britain flavours such as vanillin which occur naturally in food are called ‘nature-identical’. The label does not have to state where it comes from. A flavouring only counts as fully ‘artificial’ if it does not occur in nature at all, as is the case with another, stronger vanilla-substitute called ethyl-vanillin (often used in chocolate). (p. 257)

If you have not introduced the quotation in the sentence before, then you would follow the quotation with full details of the citation (Author(s), Date, Page) e.g.

The use of food flavourings in the UK has been controversial, it has been noted that:

In Britain flavours such as vanillin which occur naturally in food are called ‘nature-identical’. The label does not have to state where it comes from. A flavouring only counts as fully ‘artificial’ if it does not occur in nature at all, as is the case with another, stronger vanilla-substitute called ethyl-vanillin (often used in chocolate). (Wilson, 2009, p. 257)


Omitting material from quotations

If you are omitting materials from an original source, use three dots [...] to indicate this, e.g.

Canter and Canter (1992) state that students come to the classroom with "their own needs, their own past experiences and ... their preconceptions of who you are, what your limits will be" (p. 49). It is important to manage the expectations of students effectively.

Tips on quoting when page numbers are not present

If the item you are quoting does not have pagination the American Psychological Association [APA] (2020, p. 273) suggest the following information for direct quotations and paraphrases:

- The number of the paragraph if provided, or you can count the number of paragraphs from the start of the document. This should be abbreviated to para. e.g. (Smith, 2017, para. 17).
- A section heading and a paragraph number for within that section e.g. (Jones, 2017, Discussions, para. 4)
- If the section heading is too long, you can shorten the title in quotation marks, with a paragraph number, e.g. (Williams, 2016, "Social Obligations", para. 6). In this example, the full heading would have been "Social Obligations of Those In Power and How They Influence People".

Summarising

Summarising is putting someone else's ideas into your own words. It does not mean changing the odd word / sentence or rearranging the sentence. The summary should clearly
be a restatement of the meaning of the original text. Be sure to cite and reference when you are summarising someone else's work, e.g.:

Booth et al. (2016, pp.208-209) give the example of acceptable summarising using Gladwell (2008) as their example:

This this the original quote from Gladwell (2008, p.38):

"Achievement is talent plus preparation. The problem with this view is that the closer psychologists look at the careers of the gifted, the smaller the role innate talent seems to play and the bigger the role preparation seems to play."

Below is an unacceptable summary of the above quote because it follows the original too closely:

Success seems to depend on a combination of talent and preparation. However, when psychologists closely example the gifted and their careers, they discover that innate talent plays a much smaller role than preparation (Gladwell 2008, p.38).

The next is an example of an acceptable summary as the meaning of the original has been restated in the author's own words:

As Gladwell (2008, p.38) observes, summarising studies on the highly successful, we tend to overestimate the role of talent and underestimate that of preparation.

Tips on citing when page numbers are not present

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Reference list


Secondary referencing

This is when you reference one author who is referring to the work of another, and the primary source is not available. **Secondary referencing should be avoided if possible.**

If you have only read the latter publication you are accepting someone else's opinion and interpretation of the author's original intention. You cannot have formed your own view or critically appraised whether the secondary author has adequately presented the original material.

You must make it clear to your reader which author you have read whilst giving details of the original.

Use ‘as cited in’ if the author has cited the work of another, e.g. (Ecott, 2002 as cited in Wilson, 2009).

If the author has directly quoted from an original piece of work then you would use ‘as quoted in’ e.g. (Cannon, 1989 as quoted in Wilson, 2009, p. 269).

Creating a reference list

A reference list should be presented at the end of your work as it will allow readers to follow up your references. Your reference list should be presented in alphabetical order by surname, and if the same author is listed more than once these references should be in chronological order.

Rules about referencing

One author or creator

**In the reference list:**

Author Surname, Initial(s)

Two to twenty authors or creators

**In the reference list:**

Author Surname, Initial(s), & Author Surname, Initial(s). (Include all authors, with the final author listed after an ampersand)

Twenty one or more authors or creators

**In the reference list:**

Author Surname, Initial(s), Author Surname, Initial(s), . . . Final Author Surname, Initial(s). (Include the first nineteen authors, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author’s name)

- Authors names should be given in the following format: Surname, Initial(s), e.g. Smith, G. A.
When citing a chapter in a book, the initials of the **editor(s)** are presented before the surname e.g. G. A. Smith, (see Chapter in a book for more examples).

Multiple references by the same author are listed chronologically.

References relating to authors with the same last name should be ordered by their initial(s), e.g. Williams, A. (2009), Williams, J. (2010).

References with the same first author and different subsequent authors are arranged alphabetically, using the second author to determine the order. If the first and second author are the same, use the third author to determine order, e.g.


or


References by the same author, with the same date should be ordered by title (excluding 'A' and 'The'). Add a lower case letter to the date in order to differentiate. This should match your citation in the text, e.g. Smith, A (2015a), Smith, A. (2015b).

If you cannot identify an author, and it has not been designated **Anonymous**, use the title in the place you would put the author, and add to the list in alphabetical order e.g. **Title**. (Date).

When the author is a corporation, association, or government agency, you will need to put the full name rather than the abbreviation used in the text, e.g. National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. (2015).

Capitalise the first word of the title in the reference list (unless otherwise stated), and capitalise the first word after a colon or dash in the title.

Any references in your bibliography/reference list where the text runs over two lines or more will need to be formatted with a hanging indent. This means that the first line is set against the margin and any subsequent lines are indented. For example:


Citing and referencing foreign language materials

Citing material from non-Roman script e.g. Cyrillic, East Asian languages

If you are citing materials from non-Roman script, you should transliterate the references to Roman script. The main reasoning in the APA style is that you need to alphabetise your reference list, and would be unable to do so if they are in a different alphabet. If you are
unsure of the correct transliteration, you may want to consult with an expert of the language or an international standard to check.

For in-text citations

- Spell out the author's family name, or corporate name, in Roman script. If you are unsure of the correct spelling, you may want to consult with an expert of the language to check.

For references in the reference list/bibliography

- The family name of the author should be written in full Roman script. The initials of the author(s) should also be given in Roman script.
- The title of the item (article/book/book chapter, etc.) should be given in Roman script using the standard conventions for that language.
- The title should be translated into English and placed in square brackets immediately after the Romanised title. The words in the square brackets should not use italics.
- The journal title, or title of a book (if it is an edited book), and publisher's name all need to be given in Roman script, but do not need to be translated. If there is an official English translation then you may use it, especially in cases where it provides greater understanding of the subject or publication.

Example

Terao, M. (1998). *Denai kugi wa suterareru* [The nail that does not stick up may be thrown away]. Fusosha.

Materials in Roman script

If you are citing materials produced in a language other than English, but in Roman script, you may need to place a translated title in square brackets after the original title, depending on who the intended audience for your work will be.

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Ancient or Historical Texts

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all surnames when you cite the resource:

Homer (ca. 800 B.C.E./1996)...
...(Homer, ca. 800 B.C.E./1996).

Thucydides (ca. 430 B.C.E./1954)...
In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initials. (Date of Publication). Title (Initial(s) of translator Surname of translator, Trans.). Publisher. (Original work published date)


Notes

- Include both the date that the work was originally published followed by the copyright date of the version you have used in the citation within the text, and the date of the original publication in parenthesis at the end of the reference. If the original date is approximate, use "ca." for circa before the date.
- B.C.E. in the above examples stands for Before the Common Era, e.g. (ca. 800 B.C.E.) and means that the work is generally thought to have been written around 800 years before the start of the Western calendar.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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App

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

    campusM (2018)...
    ...(campusM, 2018)

In the bibliography/reference list

Rightsholder Surname, Initial(s). (Year or version). Title of software or program (version number) [Mobile app]. Source. URL


Notes

- The rightsholder may be a corporation or company.
- Capitalise the rightsholder and name of app as they are written in the app store.
Art e.g. in a gallery, museum, or online

Work of art in a gallery

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

- da Vinci (ca. 1503)...
- ...(da Vinci, ca. 1503)
- Gainsborough (ca. 1750)...
- ...(Gainsborough, ca. 1750).

In the bibliography/reference list

Viewed in person

Artist surname, Artist initial(s). (Year) Title [Medium]. Holding institution, Location. URL (if available)


Viewed online

See Images and Figures

Notes

- Use this format to cite all types of museum artwork, including paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints, drawings, digital art, crafts, and installations.

- Circa, abbreviated to "ca." is used in the date element of the reference when the exact year that the artwork was produced is not known, but it is generally thought to be approximately that particular year, e.g. (ca. 1503).

- Always include a description of the medium or format in square brackets after the title, e.g. a general description such as “[Painting]” or a more specific description such as “[Oil painting]” or “[Oil on canvas]”.

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• If you viewed the artwork on display rather than online, still provide a URL to the artwork on the museum or gallery’s website if there is one available.

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Blog

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Lee (2010)...
(Lee, 2010)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Date in full). Title of blog post. Name of blog. URL


Notes

• Add the full date for a blog post.

• The author of the blog may use a screen name, if this is the case then use the screen name in place of the author.

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Book with a single author

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Bryman (2012) recommends...
Quantitative data is more suited to the study due to...(Bryman, 2012).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of work (Edition if not first). Publisher.

Notes

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Book with two or more authors

In the text

**Two Authors**

For an in-text citation in your work for two authors, you would use both surnames when you cite the resource:

Crisp and Turner (2014) note that being watched by others in a public event...
Nervousness can be caused by...(Crisp & Turner, 2014).

**Three or more authors**

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Crisp et al. (1996) note that making a weight biography could assist with the recovery...
...a balanced diet will allow the nutritional balance to re-establish (Crisp et al., 1996).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s)., & Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of work (Edition if not first). Publisher.


Notes

- If there are 2 to 20 authors, include all authors' names and use an ampersand before the final author's name.
- If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors' names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author's name.
- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.
Book – Chapter

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all surnames in your citation:

Mak (2016)...
...(Mak, 2016)

Harris and Middleton (1995)...
...(Harris & Middleton, 1995)

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, you would use the surname of the first author followed by "et al.":

Gruber et al. (2014)...
...(Gruber et al., 2014)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author of chapter Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of chapter. In Editor of book Initial(s). Editor of book Surname (Ed(s).), Title of book (Edition if not first., Page numbers). Publisher.


Notes

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.
Book – Chapter/Section in an Electronic Book

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Diesendruck (2007)...
...(Diesendruck, 2007)

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Hesse-Biber et al. (2015)...
...(Hesse-Biber et al., 2015).

In the bibliography/reference list
Section author(s) Surname(s), Initial(s). (Year). Title of chapter. In Editor Initial(s). Editor Surname (Ed(s).), Title of book (Edition if not first., page range). Publisher. doi (if available)

Ebook without a doi

Ebook with a doi

Notes

• The format (e.g. Ebook), platform (e.g. Ebook Central) or device (e.g. Kindle) that you access the ebook chapter or section from is not included in the reference.

• If the ebook does not have pagination the American Psychological Association [APA] (2010, pp. 171-172) suggest the following information for direct quotations and paraphrases:
  o The number of the paragraph if provided, or you can count the number of paragraphs from the start of the document. This should be abbreviated to para. e.g. (Smith, 2017, para. 17).
  o A section heading and a paragraph number for within that section e.g. (Jones, 2017, Discussions, para. 4)
  o If the section heading is too long, you can shorten the title in quotation marks, with a paragraph number, e.g. (Williams, 2016, "Social Obligations", para. 6). In this example, the full heading would have been "Social Obligations of Those In Power and How They Influence People".
For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Book – Chapter/Section in a volume or series

In print

In the text

Mueser (1998)...
...(Mueser 1998).

In the bibliography/reference list

Chapter/Section author(s) Surname(s), Initial(s). (Year). Title of chapter/section. In Volume Editor Initial(s). Volume Editor Surname (Ed(s).), Title of book (Edition if not first, page range). Publisher.


Online

In the text

Dandlani (2016)...
...(Dandlani 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

Chapter/Section author(s) Surname(s), Initial(s). (Year). Title of chapter/section. In Volume Editor Initial(s). Volume Editor Surname (Ed(s).), Title of book (Edition if not first, page range). URL or doi


Notes

• If the volume is part of a larger series, separately titled series or collection, you will need to treat the series and volume as a two part title. For example, in the above example the series of books is called ‘Advances in Librarianship’. The volume references is ‘Volume 41. Perspectives on libraries as institutions of human rights and social justice’.
If the item is part of a series, and the subtitles change regularly, each word of the title series should have a capital letter, and the subtitle in lower-case.

You do not need to include series editors in the reference, only the volume editors are included.

If using a DOI to show the location of the item, the DOI should be given as a full URL e.g. https://doi.org/xx.xxxx/xxxx

For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Book – Edited

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all surnames when you cite the resource:

Matheson (2015)...
...(Matheson, 2015).

Komisarof and Hua (2016)...
...(Komisarof & Hua, 2016).

In the reference list

Editor Surname, Initial(s). (Ed(s).). (Year). Title of work (Edition if not first). Publisher.


Notes

For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Book – Electronic

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Anderson 2009...
...(Anderson, 2009)
Simons and Richardson (2013)...
...(Simons & Richardson, 2013).

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Stewart et al. (2018)...
...(Stewart et al., 2018)

In the bibliography/reference list

Ebook with a doi

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of work (Edition if not first). Publisher. Doi


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• A section heading and a paragraph number for within that section e.g. (Jones, 2017, Discussions, para. 4)
• If the section heading is too long, you can shorten the title in quotation marks, with a paragraph number, e.g. (Williams, 2016, "Social Obligations", para. 6). In this example, the full heading would have been "Social Obligations of Those In Power and How They Influence People".

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see [Creating a citation and reference list](#).

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Clinical Practice

Cochrane Review

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Ashworth et al. (2020)...
...(Ashworth et al., 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

**Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., & Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of work. Database name. doi**


https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD012739.pub2

To reference a work with 20 authors or more, see the [Journal Article with many authors](#) section.

Clinical practice guideline with a group author

In the text

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (2020)...
...(National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, 2020)

World Health Organization (2011)...
...(World Health Organization, 2011)
When you cite the resource for the second time onwards, if the corporation has a recognised abbreviation, you should use the abbreviation of the name:

NICE (2020)...
...(NICE, 2020)

WHO (2011)...
...(WHO, 2011)

In the bibliography/reference list

Group author name. (Year). *Title of guideline* (Guideline reference if available). Website name if different from the author. URL


https://www.guidelinecentral.com/share/summary/52d561feb536b#section-society

Drug information

In the text

Accord-UK Ltd. (2019)...
...(Accord-UK Ltd, 2019)

In the bibliography/reference list

Manufacturer's name. (Year, Month day). *Name of drug* [Drug information]. Website name if different from the author. URL

Accord-UK Ltd. (2019, December 5). *Pamsvax XL 400 micrograms capsules* [Drug information]. electronic medicines compendium.
https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/3152/smpc

Mobile app reference work

In the text

BNF Publications. (2020)...
...(BNF Publications, 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

App author. (Year). *Name of app* (Edition if included) (Version) [Mobile app]. Name of website or app store downloaded from. URL

Notes

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Code

It's important to acknowledge the source of code just like you would acknowledge the source of any work that is not your own. Referencing correctly will help to distinguish your work from others, give credit to the original author and allow anyone to identify the source.

See Referencing Code for guidance. You will need to adapt the guidance to your referencing style.

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Conference Paper

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Armstrong (2014)...
...(Armstrong, 2014).

Ziegler (1997)...
...(Ziegler, 1997)

Dafnis (2015)...
...(Dafnis, 2015)

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Kwon et al. (2011)...
...(Kwon et al., 2011).

In the bibliography/reference list

In print

Author of chapter Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of paper [Description]. In Editor of book Initial(s). Surname (Ed(s).). Title of book (Volume (if needed), page numbers). Publisher.


Notes

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see *Creating a citation and reference list*.

**Conference Poster**

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

- Bazela et al. (2014)...
  ...(Bazela et al., 2014)

In the bibliography/reference list

From a poster session

- Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year, Month). *Title of poster*. [Poster session]. Name of conference, place of conference.

From a conference website

**Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year, Month). Title of poster. [Poster session]. Name of conference, place of conference. URL**


Notes

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see [Creating a citation and reference list](#).

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**Conference Presentation**

In the bibliography/reference list

From a conference session

**Presenter Surname, Initial(s). (Date) Title of presentation. [Conference presentation]. Title of conference, Location.**


From a conference website

**Presenter Surname, Initial(s). (Date) Title of presentation. [Conference presentation]. Title of conference, Location. URL or doi**

Conference Proceedings

In the bibliography/reference list

In print

Editor of book Surname, Initial(s). (Ed(s).). (Date). Title of book. Publisher.


Online/Electronic

Editor of book Surname, Initial(s). (Ed(s).). (Date) Title of book. Publisher. URL or doi


Notes

- For conference proceedings that have been published in a journal, follow the format for a Journal Article (Print or Electronic).

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.
NHS Digital (2019)...
...(NHS Digital, 2019).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author surname, Initials. or Corporate Author. (Year). Title and numeration (edition if needed) (Identifier; Version number if one exists) [Data Set]. Publisher if not the same as the author. URL or doi

Office for National Statistics. (2020). Estimates of the population for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland (MYE14) [Data Set].
https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalesscotlandandnorthernireland

NHS Digital. (2019). Mental health services (Amd 43/2019; Version 4.1) [Data Set].

Notes
• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Data Set – Unpublished

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Di Marco et al. (2016)...
...(Di Marco et al., 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of Data Set [Unpublished raw data]. Name of repository. Retrieved date, retrieved from URL or doi Source if known.


Notes
• If the data set is un titles, provide a description of the publication status and focus of the data in square brackets instead, e.g. [Unpublished raw data on.........]
• If the source of the data is known, e.g. a university, include it at the end of the reference.

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Dictionary

Dictionary Entry – Print

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Date). Title of entry. In Editor Initial(s), Surname (Ed(s).). *Title of dictionary* (Edition, Volume if needed). Publisher.


If there is not an author of the entry

Title of entry. (Year). In Editor Initial(s), Surname. *Title of dictionary* (Edition., Volume if needed). Publisher.


Dictionary Entry – Online

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Date). Title of entry. In Editor Initial(s). Surname (Ed(s).). In *Title of dictionary* (Edition., Volume if needed). Publisher if not the same as the author. URL or doi


If there is not an author of the entry

Title of entry. (Year). In Editor Initial(s), Surname. In *Title of dictionary* (Edition., Volume if needed). Publisher. URL or doi

Full Dictionary – Print

In the bibliography/reference list

Editor Surname, Initial(s). (Ed(s).). (Year). *Title of dictionary* (Edition if not first). Publisher.


Full Dictionary – Online

In the bibliography/reference list

Editor Surname, Initial(s). (Ed(s).). (Year). *Title of dictionary* (Edition if not first). Publisher. URL


Notes

- Include a retrieval date for online entries only where the entry is likely to change or be updated over time and not archived. Use the following format:

  Retrieved February 28, 2020, from https://xxxxx

- If you are referencing an entry from a multivolume work which has both volume editors and a series/executive editor, only use the volume editor for that particular entry in the reference.

- You may find that some dictionaries do not name an editor, if this is the case start with the title of dictionary in place of the editor.

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Dissertation (Undergraduate or Masters)

In the text

For an in-text citation, you should cite as follows:

  Bobcomb (2005)...
  ...(Bobcomb, 2005)

  Burbidge (2014)...
  ...(Burbidge, 2014)
In the bibliography/reference list

**Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of dissertation [Description]. Name of institution.**


**Notes**

- This referencing format can also be used for other types of unpublished dissertations by changing the wording in the square brackets, e.g. [Unpublished undergraduate dissertation].
- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Exhibition

Full Exhibition

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Cooper (2013-2014)... 
...(Cooper, 2013-2014).

Beatles to Bowie: the 60s exposed (2009-2010)... 
...(Beatles to Bowies: the 60s exposed, 2009-2010).

The Age of Abstraction: Women Artists (2016)... 

Viewed in person

In the bibliography/reference list

**Curator Surname, Initial(s) (if available). (Year of exhibition). Title of exhibition [Description e.g. Exhibition]. Holding Institution, Location. URL (if available)**


**Online/Electronic**

In the bibliography/reference list

Curator Surname, Initial(s) (if available). (Date). *Title of exhibition* [Description e.g. Exhibition]. Holding institution, Location. URL


**Item as part of an exhibition**

In the text

For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

Hilliard (ca. 1585)...(Hilliard, ca. 1585).


**Viewed in person**

In the bibliography/reference list

Artist surname, Artist initial(s). (Year) *Title* [Description e.g. Photograph]. Holding institution, Location. URL (if available)


**Online/Electronic**

In the bibliography/reference list

Artist Surname, Initial(s). (Year). *Title* [Description e.g. Photograph]. Holding institution, Location. URL


Notes

- Provide the curator(s) of the exhibition as the author or, if there is no curator, provide the title of the exhibition in place of the author.
- If you viewed the artwork on display rather than online, still provide a URL to the artwork on the museum or gallery's website if there is one available.
- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Legislation passed post 1963 is numbered in the year which it received Royal Assent.

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

> The Psychoactive Substances Act (2016)...

...(Psychoactive Substances Act, 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

*Name of act and year*. Chapter. Publisher.


Online

*Name of act and year*. Chapter. URL


Notes

- APA referencing is an American system of referencing and does not have a set way of referencing Government Publications from the UK. The above is an interpretation of the general referencing rules of APA.
Government Publication – Act of Parliament pre 1963

Legislation passed pre-1963 was numbered by regnal year of the monarch (number of year since the monarch's ascension).

In the text
For an in-text citation you would cite the reference as follows:

The Official Secrets Act (1939)...
...(Official Secrets Act, 1939).

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

*Name of act and year*. Regnal year(s) name of monarch, chapter. Publisher.

*Official Secrets Act 1939*. 2&3 Geo. 6, c 121. HMSO.

Online

*Name of act and year*. Regnal year(s) name of monarch, chapter. URL

*Official Secrets Act 1939*. 2&3 Geo. 6, c 121.


Notes

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Government Publication – Command Paper

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (2015)...
...(Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 2015).
In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

Author (Government Department). (Year). Title of command paper Number. Publisher.

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. (2015). Fulfilling our potential: Teaching excellence, social mobility and student choice Cm 9141. HMSO.

Department of Health and Social Care. (2016). Government response to the House of Commons Health Select Committee report into the impact of the spending review on health and social care Cm 9385. HMSO.

Online

Government Department. (Year). Title of command paper Number. URL


Notes

- The numbering of command papers is done by running numbers with a prefix which changes as the number gets close to 10,000. The prefixes are listed below:
  - 1868–1869 – 1–4222
  - 1870–1899 – C 1–C 9550
  - 1900–1918 – Cd 1–Cd 9239
  - 1919–1956 – Cmd 1–Cmd 9889
  - 1956–1986 – Cmnd 1–Cmnd 9927
  - 1986–current – Cm 1–

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• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Government Publication – Government Statistics or Data Set

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:


In the bibliography/reference list

Government Department. (Year). Title of data set and numeration (edition if needed) [File type]. Publisher. URL or doi


Notes

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• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Government Publication – Hansard

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:


House of Commons (1938)... ...(House of Commons, 1938)
In the bibliography/reference list

Physical Item

Name of house. (Year, month day). Name [Hansard]. (Series if applicable) Volume Number (if available) Column. Publisher.


Online

Name of house. (Year, month day). Name [Hansard]. (Series if applicable) Volume Number (if available) Column. URL


Notes

• If you are citing more than one column, use cc as the prefix rather than c.

• If you are citing older Hansards, you will need to include the series. These are as follows:

  o 1st Series – Cobbett's Parliamentary Debates: Vol.1 (1803) – Vol.22 (March/May 1812) continued by The Parliamentary Debates: Vol.23 (May/June 1812) to Vol.41 (February 1820). N.B. Some reissued sets were numbered Vol.1 – Vol.22 as The Parliamentary Debates.


Government Publication – House of Lords and House of Commons

Paper

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission (2016)...

Select Committee on Economic Affairs (2016)...
...(Select Committee on Economic Affairs, 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

Government Department or Commission. (Year). Title Paper number, session. Publisher.


**Online**

Government Department or Commission. (Year). Title Paper number, session. URL


**Notes**

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**Government Publication – Local Act of Parliament**

In the text

For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

Leeds City Council Act (2013)...

South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit Act (1993)...
...(South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit Act, 1993)

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

*Name of act and year*. Chapter. Publisher.

South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit Act 1993. Chapter ii. HMSO.

Online

Name of act and year. Chapter. URL

Leeds City Council Act 2013. Chapter ii.
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukla/2013/2/introduction/enacted

South Yorkshire Light Rail Transit Act 1993. Chapter ii.

Notes

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Government Publication – Parliamentary Bills, Amendments and Explanatory Notes

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

    House of Commons (2016)...
    ...(House of Commons, 2016).

    House of Lords (2015)...
    ...(House of Lords, 2015).

    House of Lords (2016)...
    ...(House of Lords, 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

Government department. (Year). Title Paper number, session. Publisher.


Online

Government department. (Year). *Title* Paper number, session. URL


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Government Publication – Statutory Instruments

In the text

  The Police (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations (2006)...
  ...(The Police (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations, 2006).

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical Item

*Name of Statutory Instrument* Number. Publisher.


Online

*Name of Statutory Instrument* Number. URL

*The Police (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2006* SI 2006/3449.
Notes

- APA referencing is an American system of referencing and does not have a set way of referencing Government Publications from the UK. The above is an interpretation of the general referencing rules of APA.

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Government Publication – Other Official Publications

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

Department of Health and Social Care (2016)...
...(Department of Health and Social Care, 2016).

Office for Nuclear Regulation (2020)...
...(Office for Nuclear Regulation, 2020).

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

Government Department. (Year, month if available). Title. Publisher.


Online

Government Department. (Year, Month if available). Title. URL


Notes

- APA referencing is an American system of referencing and does not have a set way of referencing Government Publications from the UK. The above is an interpretation of the general referencing rules of APA.
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Government Publications – Votes and Proceedings

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows

House of Commons (2016)...
...(House of Commons, 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

Name of house. (Year, Month Day). Title Number, session. URL

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmvote/160915v01.pdf

Notes

- APA referencing is an American system of referencing and does not have a set way of referencing Government Publications from the UK. The above is an interpretation of the general referencing rules of APA.
- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Images and Figures

This guidance is for citing and referencing images and figures that you are referring to in your work. If you have inserted an image or figure into your work please see the “Guidance for taught course students inserting images and figures into university work.”

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite your reference as follows:

The overflow of the Ladybower Reservoir can be seen in the image (andy_c, 2005)...

The photograph taken by Tanqueray (1930)...

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The table (Lane et al., 2016, p. 26) shows the responses to the question...

The painting shows the effects of intense heat on the structure of a building (Sutherland, 1941).

In the bibliography/reference list

Form an online collection/social media site, e.g. Flickr, Instagram, etc.

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). or Screen name. (Year). Title of image/figure [Description]. Name of site. URL


From a museum/gallery (either viewed in person or online)

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). or Screen name. (Year). Title of image/figure [Description]. Name of museum/gallery, City, Country. URL [if available]


From a journal

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). (Year). ‘Title of image/figure’ [Description]. In Author of journal article (if different to Artist/Creator) Surname, Initial(s).’Title of journal article’, Title of Journal, Volume(Issue), Page number. [If online] URL/doi


From a book/ebook

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). (Year). ‘Title of image/figure’ [Description]. In Author of book (if different to Artist/Creator) Surname, Initial(s). Title of book, (Year). Publisher, Page number. [If online] URL/doi


Notes

- In some cases you may need to use the screen name of the creator if their real name is not available, which may be the case with image sharing or social media websites.

- If a person or corporation cannot be identified as the artist/creator, omit the artist/creator and start the reference with the title.
• If there is no clear title to the image, a popular title may be used if one exists. If a popular title to the image does not exist then you will need to supply the image with a title, in square brackets, providing the following where possible:
  o The subject matter.
  o The name or place of the object depicted, i.e. the person, the building, the location, etc.

• Some online journal articles group multiple figures together as one downloadable image. If you are only referring to one of the figures within the image, make this clear by using the title of that particular figure in your citation/reference.

• Include a description of the item in square brackets, e.g. [Photograph], [Diagram], [Table], etc. If it is a painting or drawing you can either describe it as [Painting] or [Drawing], or if the medium used is available you can use this as the description, e.g. [Watercolour], [Oil on canvas], [Charcoal on paper], etc.

• If you are referencing an image or figure from a source other than those listed above, include the details of the source in the usual format for that item type after the details of the image.

• If you viewed the item on display rather than online, e.g. in a museum or gallery, still provide a URL to the artwork on the museum or gallery’s website if there is one available.

• You don’t need to include a citation and reference for any images or figures that you have created yourself. Everything in your work is assumed to be your own work unless you state otherwise, i.e. by citing someone else’s work.

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Information Sheet

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Applied Biosystems (2008)...
...(Applied Biosystems, 2008).

Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (2013)...
...(Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd., 2013).
In the bibliography/reference list

In print

Author surname, Initial(s). or Corporate Author. (Date). Title (Edition if not first) [Description]. Publisher if not the same as the author.

Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (2013). Doxycycline 50mg capsules [Patient information leaflet].

Online/Electronic

Author surname, Initial(s). or Corporate Author. (Date). Title (Edition if not first) [Description]. Publisher if not the same as the author. URL

http://tools.thermofisher.com/content/sfs/brochures/SOLiD_Accuracy.pdf
Kent Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (2013). Doxycycline 50mg capsules [Patient information leaflet].

Notes

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Journal Article – Print

In the text

For an in-text citation for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Wang and Kim (2010) looked at the competency of counselling professionals...
...Multicultural skills should be considered when...(Wang & Kim, 2010)

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, you would use the surname of the first author followed by "et al."

Macizo et al. (2011) identified cognitive patterns...
Linguistic information...(Macizo et al., 2011).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author surname, initial. (Year). Title of article. Title of journal/periodical, Volume(Year), Page range.


Book review

If you are referencing a book review you should include the following after the title: [Review of the book title of the book, by Author initials. Author surname], e.g.


If the book review does not have a given title, you would use the information in square brackets as the title, e.g.


Notes

- If there are 2 to 20 authors, include all authors' names and use an ampersand before the final author's name.
- If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors' names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author's name.
- If the journal uses article numbers, include the word "Article" and the number instead of any page range.
- Some references do not have issue numbers for journal/periodical runs. If this is the case, omit the issue number.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Journal Article with a DOI (Electronic)

If you are unsure if the article you are looking at has a DOI, please see the following page: APA style - What is a digital object identifier, or DOI? which gives an explanation of the identifier.

In the text

One or two authors
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Carr and Steele (2010) note that negative stereotypes associated with women in the workplace can...
...the decisions made about people is heavily influenced by our stereotypical views (Carr & Steele, 2010)

Three or more authors

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, you would use the surname of the first author followed by "et al."

Lane et al. (2016) identified that cultural differences may have some effect...
...Flexibility of communication has been demonstrated in young children (Lane et al., 2016).

In the bibliography/reference list

**Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. Title of journal/periodical, Volume(Issue), Page range. Doi**


**Book Review**

If you are referencing a book review you should include the following after the title: [Review of the book *title of the book*, by Author initials. Author surname], e.g.


If the book review does not have a given title, you would use the information in square brackets as the title, e.g.

Notes

- If there are 2 to 20 authors, include all authors’ names and use an ampersand before the final author’s name.
- If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors’ names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author’s name.
- If the journal uses article numbers, include the word "Article" and the number instead of any page range.
- Some references do not have issue numbers for journal/periodical runs. If this is the case, omit the issue number.
- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Journal Article without a DOI (Electronic)

If you are unsure if the article you are looking at has a DOI, please see the following page: APA style - What is a digital object identifier, or DOI? which gives an explanation of the identifier.

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Carr and Steele (2010) note that negative stereotypes associated with women in the workplace can...
...the decisions made about people is heavily influenced by our stereotypical views (Carr & Steele, 2010)

Three or more authors

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Medin et al. (2010) identified that a problem with experimentation...
...when conducting experiments it is difficult not to see your own cultural norms and expectations represented in the results (Medin et al., 2010).

In the bibliography/reference list
From an academic research database, e.g. Elsevier

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. Title of periodical, Volume(Issue), page range.


**Do not include the database name or homepage URL as these may require a password to access.**

**From a non-database URL**

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. *Title of periodical, Volume*(Issue), page range. URL


**Notes**

- If there are 2 to 20 authors, include all authors' names and use an ampersand before the final author's name.
- If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors' names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author's name.
- If the journal uses article numbers, include the word "Article" and the number instead of any page range.
- Some references do not have issue numbers for journal/periodical runs. If this is the case, omit the issue number.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see *Creating a citation and reference list.*

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**Journal Article – Preprint (Ahead of publication)**

**In the text**

For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Torrance and Goldband (2020)...

...(Torrance & Goldband, 2020)

**In the bibliography/reference list**

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of article. *Title of journal. Advance online publication.* URL or doi

Notes

• If there are 2 to 20 authors, include all authors' names and use an ampersand before the final author's name.

• If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors' names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author's name.

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Journal Article with many authors

In some fields, such as medicine and physics, an article may have hundreds of authors, in such cases it may be impractical to list each one. You would reference as follows:

In the text

For an in-text citation within your work for three or more authors, you would use the surname of the first author followed by "et al." in all citations

Aubert et al. (2002)...
...(Aubert et al., 2002)

In the bibliography/reference list

For up to and including twenty authors, include all authors' names and use an ampersand before the final author's name:

Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., & Author Surname, Initial(s) (Year). Title of article. Title of periodical, Volume (Issue), page range. URL or doi

For twenty one or more authors, include the first 19 authors’ names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author’s name:

Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., ... Final Author Surname, Initial(s) (Year). Title of article. Title of periodical, Volume (Issue), page range. URL or doi


Notes

• If the journal uses article numbers, include the word "Article" and the number instead of any page range.

• Some references do not have issue numbers for journal/periodical runs. If this is the case, omit the issue number.

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Journal Article without page numbers

In the text

For an in-text citation within your work for three or more authors, you would use the surname of the first author followed by "et al." in all citations

Nagel et al. (2015, Visual Themes section, para. 6)...
...(Nagel et al., 2015, Visual Themes section, para. 6).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of Article. Title of periodical, Volume (Issue). URL or doi

Notes

- If there are 2 to 20 authors, include all authors’ names and use an ampersand before the final author’s name.
- If there are 21 or more authors, include the first 19 authors’ names, insert an ellipsis (but no ampersand) and add the final author’s name.
- To quote directly from a source without page numbers you can provide a heading or section name (abbreviated if it is long) or a paragraph number (manually count the paragraphs), or a combination of both.
- If the journal uses article numbers, include the word "Article" and the number instead of any page range.
- Some references do not have issue numbers for journal/periodical runs. If this is the case, omit the issue number.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Lecture notes, lecture recordings, handouts and other unpublished teaching materials

Citing informal or unpublished materials, such as handouts, lecture recordings and lecture notes is not generally recommended. Instead you should look to cite a primary source (such as a textbook or journal article) which describes or summarises the idea you are referring to. You may wish to ask your lecturer for recommended reading.

Magazine

APA guidelines recognise magazines as a periodical in that they are published at regular intervals - the same as a journal or a newspaper.

Magazine articles can be referenced using guidance for either a Journal Article (Print, with or without a DOI) or as a Newspaper Article depending on the publication information available.

If you can find the volume and/or issue number, then you would reference as a Journal article.

If you cannot locate the volume and issue number, then you would reference using the guidance for a Newspaper article.
Maps

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Ordnance Survey (1996)...  
...(Ordnance Survey, 1996).

Ordnance Survey (2014)...  
...(Ordnance Survey, 2014)

Google Maps (2015)...  
...(Google Maps, 2015)

Google Maps (2017)...  
...(Google Maps, 2017)

In the bibliography/reference list

Physical item

Name of cartographer (Surname, initials(s) or corporate author). (Year). Title (Series, and series number) [Map type]. Publisher.


Online item

Name of cartographer (Surname, initial(s) or corporate author). (Year). Title [Map type]. Retrieved (Month Day, Year if using a Google map or similar), from URL.


Google Maps. (2015). [Google Street View Information Commons Sheffield]. Retrieved June 2, 2017 from https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@53.3811141,-1.484649,3a,75y,90t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1scligK3ySglIcnI9EBfdyuQ!2e0!7i13312!8i6656?hl=en


Notes

• If there is not a title present, you would add a description of the item in square brackets e.g. [Google Street View Information Commons Sheffield].

• If you are not adding a retrieval date, omit "Retrieved from" before the URL.
For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Music – Album

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

The Prodigy (1997)... ...(The Prodigy, 1997)

The Beatles (1967)... ...(The Beatles, 1967)

Queens of the Stone Age (2002)... ...(Queens of the Stone Age, 2002)

In the bibliography/reference list

Recording artist surname, initial(s) or group. (Copyright year). Title of album (edition if needed.) [Album]. Record Label.


The Beatles. (1967). The Beatles [Album]. Parlophone EMI.


Notes

• It is not necessary to specify the format you listened to the album in (CD, Vinyl, Spotify, etc.) unless you accessed special tracks or features that do not appear on other format versions of the album. In this case, include a description of the format within the square brackets after "Album" and a semicolon, e.g. [Album; Vinyl].

• Include a URL at the end of the reference if this is the only means of retrieval, e.g. accessible only from a band/artist's website or from a platform such as SoundCloud.

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Music – Album Track

In the text
For an in-text citation for one or two artists, you would use all artists in your citation (either band names or recording artists surnames):

Lennon (1975)...
...(Lennon, 1975).
The Prodigy (1996)...
...(The Prodigy, 1996).
The Runaways (1976/2014)...
Mangan (2009)...
...(Mangan, 2009).

In the bibliography/reference list
Artist surname, initial(s) or Band. (Year). Title of song [Song]. On Title of album. Record Label. URL (if only means of retrieval)


Notes

• The in-text citation consists of the songwriter, year of copyright, and track number. If referencing an item on vinyl, you will also need to state which side of the album it is on.
• If the copyright date and recording date are different, you would include both in the in-text citation.
• Include a URL at the end of the reference if this is the only means of retrieval, e.g. accessible only from a band/artist’s website or from a platform such as SoundCloud.
• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.
Music Score

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work for one or two composers, you would use all composer surnames in your citation:

Bowie (1998)...
...(Bowie, 1998)

Verdi (1978/1874)...
...(Verdi, 1978/1874)

Gilbert and Sullivan (1900)...
...(Gilbert & Sullivan, 1900)

In the bibliography/reference list
Composer surname, initial(s). (Year). Title [Type of score]. (Editors or translator initial(s). Surname if needed). Publisher. (Original work published year - if applicable)


Notes

• If there is a librettist for a score, you would include their surname and initials as well as the composer in the order that they appear on the work, e.g.

Composer surname, Initials., & Librettist surname, Initials. (Year). Title of work [Type of score]. Publisher.

• If the copyright date and recording date are different, you would include both in the in-text citation.

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Newspaper Article

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

Sample (2015)...
...(Sample, 2015)
In the bibliography/reference list

In print

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Full date of publication). Title of Article. *Title of newspaper*, page numbers.


Online/Electronic

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Full date of publication). Title of Article. *Title of newspaper*. URL


Newspaper database e.g. Nexis

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Full date of publication). Title of Article. *Title of newspaper*.


Notes

- For a newspaper article obtained from a database such as Nexis, it is not necessary to include the database or URL in the reference.
- Sometimes a newspaper article is spread over a number of non-continuous pages. If this is the case separate the page numbers with a comma, e.g. 1, 5, 24-25.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Online Course or MOOC

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the text as follows:

Stokes, C. (2020)...
...(Stokes, C., 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Course instructor(s) Surname, initial(s). (Year). *Title of course* [Description]. Site name. URL.

Notes

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Online Forum/Message Board (e.g. Reddit, Blackboard)

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the text as follows:

  ab_messi (2020)...
  ...(ab_messi, 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author surname, initial(s) [Screen name]. (Year, Month Day). Title of post [Description of post]. Site name. URL


Notes

• If the post is from a site which requires a user login, e.g. Blackboard, provide the name of the site and the URL of its login page.
• If the person posting in the forum only has a screen name, use this without the brackets in place of the author.
• If the post title has more than 20 words, only provide up to the first 20.
• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Patent

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:
Carter and Lawless (2010)...
...(Carter & Lawless, 2010).

Hollis and Tan (2017)...
...(Hollis & Tan, 2017).

In the bibliography/reference list

Inventor surname, initial(s). (Year of issue). Title of patent (Patent Identifier Number). Name of publisher. URL (if available)


Notes

- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see [Creating a citation and reference list](#).

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**Plays**

In the text

For an in–text citation, you would cite the reference as follows:

- Shakespeare (1597/1984)...
  ...(Shakespeare, 1597/1984)

- Shakespeare (1594/1993)...
  ...(Shakespeare, 1594/1993)

- Shakespeare (1597/1637)...
  ...(Shakespeare, 1597/1637)

- Shakespeare (1594/1631)...
  ...(Shakespeare, 1594/1631)

- Shakespeare (1594/2007a)...
  ...(Shakespeare, 1594/2007a)

- Shakespeare (1597/2007b)...
  ...(Shakespeare, 1597/2007b)
In the bibliography/reference list

Individual play

Playwright surname, initial(s). (Year of publication). Title of play. Editor initial(s) and Surname (if applicable). Publisher. (Original work published year - if applicable).


If available online

Playwright surname, initial(s). (Year of publication). Title of play. Editor initial(s) and Surname (if applicable). URL (Original work published year - if applicable)

Shakespeare, W. (1637). The most excellent and lamentable tragedie of Romeo and Juliet. As it hath beene sundry times publikely acted by the Kings Majesties Servants at the Globe. John Smethwicke. https://digital.nls.uk/shakespeare-quartos/archive/120755446#?c=0&m=0&s=0&cv=4&xywh=320%2C-42%2C8395%2C6223 (Original work published 1597)

Shakespeare, W. (1631). A wittie and pleasant comedie called the taming of the shrew. As it was acted by his Maiesties Servants at the Blacke Friers and the Globe. John Smethwicke. https://digital.nls.uk/shakespeare-quartos/archive/120755447#?c=0&m=0&s=0&cv=6&xywh=-213%2C-1%2C7620%2C5649 (Original work published 1594)

In an anthology/complete works

Playwright surname, initial(s). (Year of publication). Title. In Editor(s) initial(s) and surname (Ed). Title of anthology or collected works (Page numbers). Publisher. (Original work published year - if applicable).


Notes

- In the in-text citation, include the year of publication that the play was first published as well as the year that the edition you are referencing was published (if applicable), e.g. Shakespeare (1597/2007).

- If more than one of your citations are written by the same author and have the same year of publication, then use a lower case letter after the publication date. The letter
should be assigned in the reference list by the order of your references, e.g. (Shakespeare, 2007a) (Shakespeare, 2007b).

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Podcast

Stand-alone podcast

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Savage (2020) leads the discussion...

...referring to the recent global protests (Savage, 2020).

In the bibliography/reference list

Host surname, initial(s). (Host). (Date Year, Month Day). Title of podcast [Audio or Video podcast]. Production company. URL (if available)


Episode from a series of podcasts

In the text

The podcast hosted by Michael Mosley (2021)...

...discussing how nature has a positive effect on mental health (Mosley, 2021)

In the bibliography/reference list

Host surname, initial(s). (Host). (Date Year, Month Day). Title of episode (Episode number if available) [Audio or Video podcast episode]. In Title of podcast. Production company. URL (if available)

Mosley, M. (Host). (2021, May 9). Green spaces [Audio podcast episode]. In Just one thing - with Michael Mosley. BBC. https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000vy1l

Notes

- If there is no obvious host, use the name of the executive producer, if known, followed by (Executive producer).
- If there is no specific day or month for the date when the podcast was published, just use the year.
• Specify whether it is an [Audio podcast] or [Video podcast] in square brackets after the title.
• For a podcast episode without an episode number, omit this from the reference.
• For a podcast without a URL, e.g. accessed from an app, omit the URL from the reference.
• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

**Presentation**

*In the text*

For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames in your citation:

Grant (2016)...
...(Grant, 2016).

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more authors, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:

Sciamanna et al. (2016)...
...(Sciamanna et al., 2016).

*In the bibliography/reference list*

**Author surname, initial(s). (Year, Month Day). Title of document [Format Description]. Name of host site. URL**


**Notes**

• If slides are from a site which requires a user login, e.g. Blackboard, provide the name of the site and the URL of its login page.
• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.
Press release

In the text
Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street (2020)...
...(Prime Minister's Office, 10 Downing Street, 2020).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author surname, initial(s). (Year, Month day). Title of document [Description]. Publisher. URL


Notes

- If the author and the publisher of the press release are the same, omit the publisher.
- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Radio

In the text
For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Carter (2020)...
...(Carter, 2020).

Maconie (2020)...
...(Maconie, 2020)

McElvoy (2017)...
...(McElvoy, 2017)

Quinn (2017)...
...(Quinn, 2017)

In the bibliography/reference list

Surname, initial(s). (Year, Month Day of transmission). Title (Relevant information such as episode) [Radio Broadcast]. Publisher site. URL of broadcast

Maconie, S. (2020, July 19). *Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone* (Remembering Ennio Morricone) [Radio Broadcast]. BBC. https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000l1vj


Notes

- Provide the name of the announcer or host of the broadcast as the author.
- Provide the name of the site that published the broadcast, e.g. BBC, and the full URL of the broadcast.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Religious Works

In print

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:


The message within the story (*The Bhagavad Gita*, 2007)...

In the bibliography/reference list

*Title*. (Translator Initial(s). Surname, Trans. [if appropriate]; Edition if not first). (Year published). Publisher. (Original work published date [if known]).


Online

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

In this translation (*The Koran*, 2002)...

Last reviewed: August 2022
Review date: Summer 2023
In the bibliography/reference list

*Title*. (Translator Initial(s). Surname, Trans. [if appropriate]; Edition if not first). (Year published). Publisher. URL (Original work published date [if known]).


Notes

- In an in-text citation for a specific chapter/verse, cite the chapter/verse number rather than the page number that it appears on, e.g. (Ruth 2:22).
- Include the original publication date in the in-text citation, as well as the publication date of the version you have read (if known). The original date comes first in the in-text citation, e.g. 1769/2008.
- Religious works are usually treated as having no author. If appropriate, include the name of the translator after the Title, followed by the edition (if not the first).

Annotated religious work

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

- The synopsis of the story of Jacob (Barton & Muddiman, 2007, p. 55)...
- Barton and Muddiman (2007) explain the content...

In the bibliography/reference list

*Editor Surname, Initial(s). (Ed.). (Year published). Title. Publisher.*


Notes

- In an in-text citation for a specific chapter/verse from a religious work, cite the chapter/verse number rather than the page number that it appears on, e.g. (Ruth 2:22).
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see *Creating a citation and reference list*.

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Reports

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for one or two authors, you would use all author surnames/corporate authors in your citation:

Financial Accounting Made Easy [FAME] (2017)...
...(Financial Accounting Made Easy [FAME], 2017)

Johnsen and Fitzpatrick (2007)...
...(Johnsen & Fitzpatrick, 2007).

Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2015)...

Mintel (2017)...

Snowdon (2017)...
...(Snowdon, 2017)

Wohlers Associates (2018)...

When you cite the resource for the second time onwards, if the corporation has a recognised abbreviation, you should use the abbreviation of the name:

FAME (2017)...
...(FAME, 2017)

In the bibliography/reference list

In print

Author surname, initial(s). or Corporate author. (Year). Title of report (Paper number if needed). Publisher.


Online/Electronic

Author surname, initial(s). or Corporate author. (Year). Title of report (Paper number if needed). URL

If you need to add a date of retrieval, add "Retrieved (date), from" before the URL, as in this first example:


Notes

- If the name of the corporation/agency/government agency is long or well known by an abbreviation, for the first time you cite the resource write out the name in full followed by the abbreviation in square brackets, then use just the abbreviation for second and further citations, e.g. (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], 2016) or National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], (2016). The second and further citations would then read (NICE, 2016) or NICE (2016).

- When the publisher is the same as the author, omit the publisher from the reference (as in the Wohlers Associates example).

- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Sculpture

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Bernini (ca. 1622)...
...(Bernini, ca. 1622)

Keegan (1991)...
...(Keegan, 1991)

In the bibliography/reference list

On display e.g. in a gallery/museum

Sculptor Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Name of sculpture [Sculpture]. Holding institution, Location. URL (if available)


Online e.g. on a gallery/museum website

See Images and Figures

Notes

- If you viewed the sculpture on display rather than online, still provide a URL to the sculpture on the museum or gallery's website if there is one available.
- If the sculpture is untitled, provide a description of it in square brackets in place of the title.
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Social Media

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows

- University of Sheffield Library (2017)...
  ...(University of Sheffield Library, 2017).

- Thunberg (2020)...
  ...(Thunberg, 2020).

In the bibliography/reference list

Twitter (also use this referencing format for TikTok)

Tweet

Author surname, initial(s). [Screen name]. (Year, Month day). *Title of item* [Item type]. Site name. URL

University of Sheffield Lib [UniSheffieldLib]. (2017, May 12). *On this day in 1959, our Western Bank Library (then called the 'Main Library') was officially opened by T.S. Eliot* [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/UniSheffieldLib/status/862945694457274368

Thunberg, G. [@GretaThunberg]. (2020, June 21). *The climate and ecological crisis can no longer be solved within today's political and economic systems. That's not an opinion.* [Image attached] [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/GretaThunberg/status/1274618877247455233
APA Style [@officialapastyle]. (2019, August 28). In the 7th edition of #APASTyle, a running head will not be required in student papers. The full introduction to [Photograph]. Instagram. https://www.instagram.com/p/B1uM53KnkHR/

Instagram video

Author surname, initial(s) [Screen name]. (Date). Title of post [Item type]. Instagram. URL

The University of Sheffield [@theuniversityofsheffield]. (2019, June 5). Sheffield City Tour. The University of Sheffield. Our student vlogger Paula takes you around all the best spots in the [Video]. Instagram. https://www.instagram.com/tv/ByVQauEhoCs/

Instagram profile

Author surname, initial(s) [Screen name]. (n.d.). Name of profile page [Item type]. Instagram. Retrieved from URL


Instagram highlight

Author surname, initial(s) [Screen name]. (n.d.). Name of highlight [Item type]. Instagram. Retrieved from URL


LinkedIn

LinkedIn post

Author surname, initial(s). (Date). Title of post [Item type]. Site name. URL

The University of Sheffield. (2020, July). Bees are helping design the next generation of autonomous technology thanks to Sheffield company Opteran, and our Department of Computer [Post]. LinkedIn. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/university-of-sheffield_bees-are-helping-design-the-next-generation-activity-6686571480031002624-_aIY

LinkedIn profile

Author surname, initial(s). (n.d.). Tab name [Item type]. Site name. Retrieved from URL


Notes

- If you can only find the screen name of the author, then you would provide it as the author without using brackets
Standards

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for you would use the full corporation name in your citation with the abbreviation in square brackets next to it:

American Association for the International Association for Testing Materials [ATSM] (2012)...
...(American Association for the International Association for Testing Materials [ATSM], 2012).

British Standards Institution [BSI] (2017)...
...(British Standard Institution [BSI], 2017).

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], (2015)...
...(National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], 2015)

When you cite the resource for the second time onwards, you should use the abbreviation of the name:

ATSM (2012)...
...(ATSM, 2012).

BSI (2017)...
...(BSI, 2017).

NICE (2015)...
...(NICE, 2015).
In the bibliography/reference list

Organisation that made the standard. (Year). *Title of the standard* (Standard No.). URL

American Association for the International Association for Testing Materials. (2012).  


Notes

- If the URL requires a login, e.g. BSOL Standards Online, provide the URL of the homepage or login page instead of the URL for the particular item that you have accessed.

- For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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TED Talk

In the text

For an in-text citation, you would cite as follows:

    Aral (2018)...
    ...(Aral, 2018).

    TED (2020)...
    ...(TED, 2020).

In the bibliography/reference list

From the TED website

*Speaker Surname, Initial. (Year, Month day). Title of talk [Video]. Publisher. URL*

    https://www.ted.com/talks/sinan_aral_how_we_can_protect_truth_in_the_age_of_misinformation
From the TED YouTube account

YouTube account name (Year, Month day). *Title of talk / Name of speaker [Video].* Publisher. URL

TED (2020, July 20). *The fight for civil rights and freedom | John Lewis and Bryan Stevenson [Video].* YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8atXMqZ_w0M

Notes

- Provide as specific a date as possible for the video.
- If you are using a direct quote from a video, add the time stamp where the quote begins to the in-text citation, e.g. (TED, 2020, 9:48)
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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**Thesis (PhD) – Print**

In the text

For an in-text citation, you would cite as follows:

- Campbell Reid (2007)...
  (Campbell Reid, 2007)
- Vella (2005)...
  (Vella, 2005)

In the bibliography/reference list


Notes

- This referencing format can also be used for other types of unpublished theses or dissertations by changing the wording in the square brackets, e.g. [Unpublished undergraduate dissertation].
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Thesis (PhD) – Electronic

In the text
For an in-text citation, you would cite as follows:

Gee (2010)...  
...(Gee, 2010)

Reid (2013)...  
...(Reid, 2013)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of thesis (Doctoral thesis, name of institution). Database/repository name. URL


Notes

• If there is a publication number, include it in parentheses after the title of the dissertation or thesis.

• If the database or repository requires a user login, omit the URL and end the reference with the database/repository name.

• This referencing format can also be used for other types of published theses or dissertations by changing the wording in the square brackets, e.g. [Masters dissertation].

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Translated Item

In the text
For an in-text citation within your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Homer (ca. 800 B.C.E./2018)...  
...(Homer, ca. 800 B.C.E./2018).
Dostoyevsky (1866/1914)...
...(Dostoyevsky, 1866/1914).

Tolstoy (1877/2008)...
...(Tolstoy, 1877/2008).

In the bibliography/reference list

In print

Author surname, initial(s). (Year). Title of item (Translator initial(s). Translator surname, Trans.). Publisher. (Original work published)


Online/Electronic

Author surname, initial(s). (Year). Title of item (Translator initial(s). Translator surname, Trans.). URL (Original work published)

http://www.gutenberg.org/files/2554/2554-h/2554-h.htm (Original work published 1866)


Notes

• Include both the date that the work was originally published followed by the copyright date of the version you have used in the citation within the text, and the date of the original publication in parenthesis at the end of the reference. If the original date is approximate, use "ca." for circa before the date.

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Unpublished or Informally Published Item

"Unpublished works includes work that is in progress, has been completed but not yet submitted for publication, and has been submitted but not yet accepted for publication. Informally published works include work that is available from a preprint archive or repository such as PsyArXiv, an electronic archive such as ERIC, an institutional archive, a government archive, a personal website, and so forth."

(APA, 2020, p. 335)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author surname, initial(s). (Year of the draft). Title of manuscript. ["Unpublished manuscript" or "Manuscript submitted for publication" or "Manuscript in preparation"]. URL (if retrieved online)

If using a unpublished manuscript from a university

Author surname, initial(s). (Year of the draft). Title of manuscript. ["Unpublished manuscript" or "Manuscript submitted for publication" or "Manuscript in preparation"], University Department, Name of institution.

Notes

• If the work is available electronically, add where you retrieved the information from.
• Do not provide the name of the journal or publisher that the manuscript has been submitted to.
• A manuscript for a journal which has been accepted for publication should be referenced as Journal – Preprint (Ahead of publication).
• Use this format for work that is in draft or still in progress, and use the appropriate ending e.g. Manuscript in preparation.
• You may use other endings for the reference which are appropriate for your work e.g. Unpublished raw data.
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Video – Film and TV

You do not need to include the way you accessed a film or TV programme in the reference, e.g. from a streaming service such as Netflix, Amazon Prime, BBC iPlayer, or a database such as Box of Broadcasts.
Film

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for one or two directors, you would use all director surnames in your citation:

Aronofsky (2010)...
...(Aronofsky, 2010).

Moore (2002)...
...(Moore, 2002).

Coen and Coen (2007)...
...(Coen & Coen, 2007).

In the bibliography/reference list

Director surname, initial(s). (Director). (Year). Title of film [Description]. Production company.


Film in another language

Director surname, initial(s). (Director). (Year). Title of film [Translation of title] [Description]. Production company.

von Donnersmarck, F. H. (Director). (2006). Das leben der anderen [The lives of others] [Film]. Wiedemann & Berg Filmproduktion; Bayerischer Rundfunk (BR); ARTE; Creado Film.

TV series

Executive producer surname, initial(s). (Executive Producer). (Year(s) series aired). Title of TV series [TV series]. Production company.


TV episode in a series

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work for three or more creators, use the name of only the first author followed by "et al." in every citation:
Simon et al. (2002)... 
...(Simon et al., 2002).

In the bibliography/reference list

**Writer surname, initial(s). (Writer), & Director Surname, Initial(s). (Director). (Year). Title of episode (Season or series number, Episode number) [TV series episode]. In Executive Producer Initial(s), Surname (Executive Producer), Title of TV series. Production Company.**


Notes

- If there is more than one production company, separate each company with a semicolon.
- If the series you are referencing is still currently being aired, replace the second year with "present", e.g. (2019-present).
- For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see [Creating a citation and reference list](#).

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**Video – Sharing Website (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo)**

**Video**

In the text

*For an in-text citation within your work, you would cite the reference as follows:*

University of Sheffield Library (2019)... 
...(University of Sheffield Library, 2019).

Radiohead (2009)... 
...(Radiohead, 2009).

In the bibliography/reference list

**Author surname, initial(s) [Screen name]. (Year, month day). Title of video [Video]. Source. URL**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lm7bLmbKOk0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5CVsCnxyXg
Channel

In the text

For an in-text citation within your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

University of Sheffield Library (n.d.)...
...(University of Sheffield Library, n.d.).

Radiohead (n.d.)...
...(Radiohead, n.d.).

In the bibliography/reference list

Author surname, initial(s) [Screen name]. (n.d.). Tab name [Source]. Retrieved date, from URL


Notes

• If the account name is an individual and their real name is known, use their real name in the citation and include their real name in the reference followed by their channel name in square brackets, e.g. Author Surname, Initial(s). [Screen name]. If they only have a screen name, use this without the brackets in both the citation and reference in place of the author.

• The Home tab is the default tab on YouTube. If you want to reference a different tab, use the name of that tab in the channel reference, e.g. Videos, Playlists.

• Include a retrieval date in the channel reference as the content is designed to change or update over time.

• For more information about in–text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Video Game

In the text

For an in-text citation within your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Mojang Studios (2021) developed the latest version...

The features of Minecraft Dungeons (Mojang Studios, 2021)...

Last reviewed: August 2022
Review date: Summer 2023
In the bibliography/reference list

Developer surname, initial(s). or Group name. (Year released). Title of game [Platform]. Publisher. URL


Notes

• No official guidance for referencing video games available.
• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

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Web page

“Use the webpages and websites category if there is no other reference category that fits and the work has no parent or overarching publication (e.g. journal, blog, conference proceedings) other than the website itself.”

(APA, 2020, p. 350).

In the text

For an in-text citation, you should cite the author. If the author is an organisation, you should use the name of the organisation the first time you cite the resource with the recognised abbreviation next to it in square brackets:

Higher Education Funding Council for England [HEFCE] (2016)...
...(Higher Education Funding Council for England [HEFCE], 2016)

When you cite the resource for the second time onwards, you should use the abbreviation of the name:

HEFCE (2016)...
(HEFCE, 2016)

In the bibliography/reference list

Webpage on a news website

Author Surname, Initials. (Date Year, Month day). Title of webpage. Site name. URL

Webpage on a website with a group author

**Name of organisation.** (Date Year, Month day). *Title of webpage*. Site name (if not the same as the Name of organisation). URL


Webpage on a website with a government agency group author

**Author Surname, Initials or Organisation.** (Date Year, Month day). *Title of webpage*. Name of government agency (if not the same as the Author or Organisation). URL


Webpage on a website with an individual author

**Author Surname, Initials.** (Date Year, Month day). *Title of webpage*. Site name. URL


Notes

- Provide as specific a date as possible, e.g. Year, Month day or Year, Month, or Year if you can only find the year.

- Include the retrieval date if the material is likely to change over time, or if there is no date on the web page.

- Locating the date of a website and webpages can be difficult, the page you are looking at may tell you at the beginning or the end of the page or document. Do not use the footer that says ‘Last modified’ as it may not be the update for the page or document. Do not use the copyright date from a webpage or website footer as this may not indicate when the content was published. If you cannot locate a date, use ‘n.d.’ for ‘no date’.

- If the author and the site name are the same, e.g. in the "Webpage on a website with a group author” example, omit the site name from the reference as it is the same as the author, World Health Organisation.

- If the name of the corporation/agency/government agency is long or well known by an abbreviation, for the first time you cite the resource write out the name in full followed by the abbreviation in square brackets, then use just the abbreviation for second and further citations, e.g. (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], 2016) or National Institute for Health and Care Excellence [NICE], (2016). The second and further citations would then read (NICE, 2016) or NICE (2016).
• If the corporation/association/government agency has a short named, or an abbreviation that would not be easily understandable, then you would use the full name in all citations, e.g. (University of Sheffield, 2016) or University of Sheffield (2016).

• For more information about in-text citation and referencing multiple authors, see Creating a citation and reference list.

Website

If you are not citing specific information or a specific page from a website you do not need to create an in-text citation or a reference for it.

When mentioning a website within your text, provide the name of the website followed by the URL in parentheses, e.g.

  Participants were surveyed using SurveyMonkey (https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk).


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APA Style Blog: https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/

Anonymous: https://find.shef.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44SFD_ALMA_DS21243909170001441&context=L

Referencing Code: https://librarydevelopment.group.shef.ac.uk/Assets/pdfs/referencing/referencing-code.pdf

How to attribute images tutorial: https://librarydevelopment.group.shef.ac.uk/storyline/referencing/attribution-images/story_html5.html

APA style - What is a digital object identifier, or DOI?: https://apastyle.apa.org/learn/faqs/what-is-doi

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