



APA CITATIONS

REFERENCE GUIDE

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PURPOSE OF APA STYLE

APA Style offers a consistent method for citing sources in the social sciences. It helps present research in a standardized format that avoids plagiarism.

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IN-TEXT CITATIONS

Basic parenthetical: (Nguyen, 2023).
Basic narrative: Patel (2021) explains...
Direct quote: (Hernandez, 2024, p. 47).
Two authors: (Chen & Morales, 2022).
Three or more authors: (Thompson et al., 2021).
No Authors: ("Global Water Report," 2024).
Organization as author: (World Health Organization, 2023).

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WHEN DO I USE APA?

APA is the standard citation for:

- Psychology
- Education
- Nursing
- Sociology
- Social sciences research

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COMMON REFERENCE TEMPLATES

Journal Article

Author, A.A. (Year). Title of Article. *Title of Journal*, volume (issue), pages. DOI.

Book

Author, A.A. (Year). *Title of book*. Publisher.

Website Page

Author, A.A. (Year, Month Day). Title of Page. Site Name. URL

Video (YouTube)

Creator, A.A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of video* [Video]. YouTube. URL

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HELPFUL SIGNAL PHRASES

Use academic verbs like these to introduce sources.

- Argues
- Explains
- Reports
- Suggests
- Concludes

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THE BASICS

- Author-date system
- Capitalize first word only for titles
- Use DOIs whenever available
- Alphabetize by author last name
- Hanging indent for every entry

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QUICK TIPS

Double-check author spelling
Confirm publication year
Use DOIs whenever possible
Keep formatting consistent
Review APA 7 rules for clear and accurate language