

APA Style: The Reference List

The following examples show how to document print and electronic sources for a research paper using the American Psychological Association (APA) citation style. Using this style, sources are briefly cited within the text of a research paper using the author surname and year of publication. This is known as a parenthetical reference citation. A detailed list of all parenthetical reference citations is provided at the end of the research paper on a separate page with the word **References** centered at the top of the page. This is the reference list. All entries in the reference list are double spaced. Details on how to construct a reference list begin on page 215 of the

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 5th ed., available in the library (call number: BF 76.7 P83 2001).

The following examples are intended as a guide only. For further clarification, please consult the manual. Note: Numbers in brackets refer to specific page numbers in the manual. For help on how to format citations within the text of your paper, consult the library's handout "Reference Citations in Text: APA Style."

Print Sources

Book by one author [p. 248]

Burns, D. D. (1999). *Feeling good: The new mood therapy*. New York: Avon Books.

Book by two or more authors [p. 248]

Hahn, M. E., & MacLean, M. S. (1955). *Counseling psychology* (2nd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Article or chapter in an edited book [p. 252]

Miller, G. A. (1973). Psychology and communication. In G. A. Miller (Ed.), *Communication, language, and meaning: Psychological perspectives* (pp. 3-12). New York: Basic Books.

Entry in an encyclopedia [p. 254]

Ross, H. W. (2000). Infant socialization. In *Encyclopedia of psychology* (Vol. 2, pp. 238-242). New York: John Wiley.

Journal article [p. 240]

Courtois, C. A. (1997). Guidelines for the treatment of adults abused or possibly abused as children. *American Journal of Psychotherapy*, 51(4), 497-550.

Magazine article [p. 241]

Gatehouse, J. (2002, May 27). The new solitudes. *Maclean's*, 115, 20-25.

Daily newspaper article [p. 242-243]

Switzer, M. (2002, May 23). Savages, heretics and the search for truth. *Ottawa Citizen*, p. A17.

Government document [p. 248]

Canada. Department of National Health and Welfare. (1970). *Task force reports on the cost of health services in Canada*. Ottawa: Author.

Electronic Sources

APA updated its guidelines for the citation of electronic sources in 2007. The following examples are based on the new guidelines as found in the *APA Style Guide to Electronic References* (call number: BF 76.7 A63 2007). Note: Numbers in brackets refer to specific page numbers in the guide. Please consult the guide for further information and examples.

Journal Article with DOI assigned [p. 7] (article from an online database) ¹

Wetherington, C. L. (2007). Sex-gender differences in drug abuse: A shift in the burden of proof?
Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology, 15(5), 411-417. doi:10.1037/1064-1297.15.5.411

Journal Article with no DOI assigned [p. 7] (article from an online database)

Kenny, E. J., & Briner, R. B. (2007). Ethnicity and behaviour in organizations: A review of British research.
Journal of Occupational & Organizational Psychology, 80(3), 437-457. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier.

Journal article with no DOI assigned [p. 8] (final version of an article on a publisher's web site) ²

Yusuff, K., & Awotunde, M. (2005). The frequency of drug history documentation in an institutionalized tertiary care setting in Nigeria. *Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 8(2), 141-146.
Retrieved from [http://www.ualberta.ca/~csps/JPPS8\(2\)/K.Yusuff/history.htm](http://www.ualberta.ca/~csps/JPPS8(2)/K.Yusuff/history.htm)

Document available on university program or department Web site ²

[p. 274 of *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5th ed.]

Revelle, W. (2002). *The personality project*. Retrieved July 12, 2002, from Northwestern University, Department of Psychology Web site: <http://pmc.psych.nwu.edu/>

Electronic book (entire book) [p. 10] ³

Pinnington, A., & Edwards, T. (2000). *Introduction to human resource management*. Available from <http://www.netlibrary.com/>

Electronic book (book chapter) [p. 10] ³

Hampshire, S. (1991). Biology, machines, and humanity. In J. J. Sheehan & M. Sosna (Eds.), *The boundaries of humanity: Humans, animals, machines* (pp. 253-256). Retrieved from <http://content.cdlib.org/xtf/view?docId=ft338nb20q&chunk.id=d0e5387&toc.depth=1&toc.id=d0e2430&brand=eschol>

Notes:

¹ DOI (Digital Object Identifier) is an alphanumeric code that provides a persistent link to articles and other documents available on the Internet.

² A retrieval date is included for content that may be updated or changed such as content on a web page or the preliminary version of an article (preprint). No retrieval date is necessary for content that will not be updated such as the final version of an article.

³ Use "Available from" when the URL leads to information on how to obtain the item. Use "Retrieved from" when the URL takes you directly to the item.