

APA Citations: In-Text

Writers incorporate researched information into papers in three ways: **paraphrase**, **summary**, and **quotation**. All three uses require citation to do the following:

- Identify the sources used in the paper
- Direct the reader to the alphabetical list of References, which correlates with in-text citations
- Clearly distinguish the writer's own ideas from information taken from outside sources

Paraphrases and Summaries: Cite references in text with (**author, year**).

One or two authors: Give last name(s) and date in citation. If using a parenthetical citation, replace the word and with &.

Some studies (Svartvik & Leech, 2006) have suggested that...

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Three to five authors: give all names and date for the first citation. Use the abbreviation *et al.* for subsequent citations.

Six or more authors: cite only the first author's surname followed by *et al.* and the date.

The data of Stuart et al. (2005) support the argument that...

Data from the most recent research study (Stuart et al., 2004) indicate...

No author: cite the first few words of the title and the year. Use quotation marks around the title of an article or chapter; *italicize* the title of a book, brochure, or report.

...free medical care ("Study Finds," 2004).

The book *Breaking Through: College Reading* (1999) advises...

Work discussed within another author's work: you must clearly distinguish between the two works.

Current research by Smith (as cited in Jones, 1999) demonstrates...

NOTE: Only the Jones reference would be included on the References list.

Source is a corporation, organization, group, government agency, or association: treat the source as the author. When citing a well known organization, abbreviations may be used after the first citation.

According to Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) data (2008), ...

These findings show corporate profits increasing (Bureau of Economic Analysis [BEA], 2008).

NOTE: For each subsequent citation, use the abbreviation: (BEA, 2008).

Multiple sources: multiple citations for a discrete piece of information are placed alphabetically in parentheses, separated by a semi-colon and a space.

Several studies (Davidson, 2002; Gardiner, 1998; Matthews, 2006) indicate...

Quotations Cite references in text with **(author(s), year, page):**

Bellingham, Cohen, Jones, and Spaniol (2008) define spiritual health as “the ability to live in the wholeness of life” (p. 18).

OR

Spiritual health is defined as “the ability to live in the wholeness of life” (Bellingham, Cohen, Jones, & Spaniol, 2008, p. 18).

Quotation of more than 40 words: Block Quote

- Type as a free-standing block of text, indented ½ inch from the left margin (double-spaced as usual)
- Do **not** use quotation marks
- For a block quote, the period comes after the quotation, followed by the page number in parentheses
- For a quotation of more than one paragraph, indent the first line of all paragraphs after the first paragraph

Hawking and Mlodinow (2005) describe the information that a star’s luminosity can provide:

But the apparent brightness of a star depends not only on its distance, but also on how much light it radiates (its luminosity). A dim star, if near enough, will outshine the brightest star in any distant galaxy. So in order to use apparent brightness as a measure of its distance, we must know a star’s luminosity.

The luminosity of nearby stars can be calculated from their apparent brightness because their parallax enables us to know their distance. Hubble noted that these nearby stars could be classified into certain types by the kind of light they give off. (pp. 51-52)

The remainder of this chapter will cover the new information that astronomers have recently gained from the deployment of the Hubble space telescope and examine new directions for deep-space exploration.

Personal or email communication: if you summarize, paraphrase or quote this communication, give the initials as well as the surname of the source, and provide as exact a date as possible. **NOTE:** do **not** include it in the References.

...according to D. C. Boehm (personal communication, July 22, 2009).