APA Style 7th Edition formatting and style guide

In-Text Citations

In-Text citation Styles

In-text citations provide the author and date of publication of a source. This allows the reader to locate the corresponding entry in the reference list at the end of the paper.

In-text citations have two formats: parenthetical and narrative.
- In parenthetical citations, the author name and publication date appear in parentheses.
- In narrative citations, the author name is incorporated into the text as part of the sentence and the year follows in parentheses.

There are few exceptions to this rule, including:
- Personal communications, which are unrecoverable sources and are cited in the text only.
- General mentions of whole websites or periodicals and common software or apps in the text do not require a citation or reference list entry.
- The source of an epigraph does not usually appear in the reference list.
- Quotations from research participants can be presented and discussed in the text but do not need citations or reference list entries.

Parenthetical Citations (also known as Bracketed Citations)

Both the author and the date, separated by comma, appear in parentheses for a parenthetical citation. A parenthetical citation can appear within or at the end of a sentence.

For example;

Falsely balanced news coverage can distort the public's perception of expert consensus on an issue (Koehler, 2016).

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If other text appears with the parenthetical citation, use commas around the year.

> (see Koehler, 2016, for more detail).

When text and a citation appear together in parentheses, use a semicolon to separate the citation from the text; do not use parentheses within parentheses.

> (e.g., falsely balanced news coverage; Koehler, 2016).

Narrative Citations (also known as Contextual Citations)

The author's surname appears in running text, and the date appears in parentheses immediately after the author's name for a narrative citation. The author's name can be included in the sentence in any place it makes sense.

For example;

> Koehler (2016) noted the dangers of falsely balanced news coverage.

In rare cases, the author and date might both appear in the narrative. In this case, do not use parentheses.

> In 2016, Koehler noted the dangers of falsely balanced news coverage.

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EXAMPLES OF IN-TEXT CITATIONS		
Author type	Parenthetical citation (in parentheses/ bracket)	Narrative citation (part of the sentences)
One author	(Stroud, 2020)	Stroud (2020)
Two authors	(Salas & D'Agostino, 2020)	Salas and D'Agostino (2020)
Three or more authors	(Martin et al., 2020)	Martin et al. (2020)

Group author with abbreviation
 	
       First citation
 	
       Subsequent citations
	(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2020)
	
	(NIMH, 2020)
		National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH, 2020)
		
		NIMH (2020)

Group author without abbreviation	(Swinburne University, 2023)	Swinburne University (2023)
Generative AI	(OpenAI, 2023)	OpenAI (2023)
Multiple works	(Adams et al., 2019; Shumway & Shulman, 2015; Westinghouse, 2017)	Adams et al. (2019) and Shumway & Shulman (2015) and Westinghouse (2017)
Abbreviated Diagnostic manual (DSM, ICD)	*Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (5th ed.; *DSM-5*; American Psychiatric Association, 2013) *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems* (11th ed.; *ICD-11*; World Health Organization, 2019)	American Psychiatric Association's (2013) *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* (5th ed.; *DSM-5*) World Health Organization's (2019) *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems* (11th ed.; *ICD-11*)

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	Subsequent Citations (American Psychiatric Association, 2013; World Health Organization, 2019)	Subsequent Citations American Psychiatric Association (2013) and World Health Organization (2019)
Religious work	(*King James Bible,* 1769/2017; *The Qur'an,* 2004; *The Torah,* 1962/2015)	*King James Bible* (1769/2017), *The Qur'an* (2004), and *The Torah* (1962/2015)
Ancient Greek or Roman work	(Aristotle, ca. 350 B.C.E./1994)	Aristotle (ca. 350 B.C.E,/1994)
Unknown or Anonymous Author *If the title of the work is italicized in the reference list, also italicize the title in the in-text citation. *If the title of the work is not italicized in the reference list, use double quotation marks around the title in the in-text citation. *Capitalize titles in in-text citations using title case, even though sentence case is used in the reference list entry.	No author: (*The Future of Entrepreneurship,* 2018) ("Towards a Psychology of Collective Memory," 2015) Anonymous: (Anonymous, 2016)	No author: *The Future of Entrepreneurship* (2018) "Towards a Psychology of Collective Memory" (2015) Anonymous: Anonymous (2016)
Works with the Same Author and Same Date 1. Multiple references have identical author (or no authors) and publication year, include lowercase letter after the year. 2. Multiple works with three or more authors with the same first author and the same publication year. To avoid ambiguity, write	(LaBlanc & Ibarra, 2019a) (LaBlanc & Ibarra, 2019b) (Kapoor, Bloom, Montez, et al., 2017) (Kapoor, Bloom, Zucker, et al., 2017)	LaBlanc & Ibarra (2019a) LaBlanc & Ibarra (2019b) Kapoor, Bloom, Montez, et al. (2017) Kapoor, Bloom, Zucker, et al. (2017)

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out as many names as needed to distinguish the reference.		
3. Because "et al." is plural, it cannot stand for only one name. In cases where only the final author is different, spell out all names in every citation.	(Hasan, Liang, Kahn, and Jones-Miller, 2015) (Hasan, Liang, Kahn, and Weintraub, 2015)	Hasan, Liang, Kahn, and Jones-Miller (2015) Hasan, Liang, Kahn, and Weintraub (2015)

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