

HOW TO CITE STUDIES IN TEXT (I.E. IN THE BODY OF THE PAPER)

There are several ways to do this and you should alternate between them.

1. citations as an integral part of the sentence

use the authors last names ONLY, followed by the year of the publication

e.g. According to Smith and Jones (1982), memory for meaningful information is much better than memory for meaningless material.

2. citations “tacked on” to the end of the sentence

e.g. Memory for meaningful information tends to be much better than memory for meaningless information (Smith & Jones, 1982) – note that in parentheses, we use the symbol for “and”

Multiple Citations of the Same Paper

1. If there are just 2 authors: name both each and every time you cite the paper
2. If there are 3, 4, or 5 authors: The first time you cite the paper, list all the authors' last names. The second and subsequent times you cite this same paper, use the first author's last name, followed by “et al.” e.g. (Smith et al., 1982)
3. If there are 6 or more authors
Even the first time you cite the paper, use the first author's last name followed by “et al.”

Two or More Papers Written by the Same Author(s) in the Same Year

Suppose Brown and Smith wrote three different paper together in 1998.
Effect of humor on pain, Effect of humor on insomnia, Effect of humor on grades

In text, if you just put “Brown and Smith (1998)” the reader won’t know which paper you are referring to. Solution: put “a, b, or c” beside the year both in text and the reference list. Smith and Brown (1998a), Smith and Brown (1998b) etc...

caution: be careful not to mix up your a, b, and c’s

Citing a Series of Papers to Support an Idea or Finding

Order them the same way as they would appear in the reference list:

Example:

(Crabb, 1990; DiFonzo & Bordia, 1993; Fung, 1989, 1990; Gergen & Shotter, 1985, 1988; Smith & Wells, 1996; Wells, 1998).

Miscellaneous

Direct Quotes: **check with your prof... not everyone allows direct quotes!**

always give the page numbers (p. page) or (pp. pages)
block quote if 40+ words, otherwise use “ “
single quotes ‘ ‘ are used to quote within a quote

Italicizing: when you mention the title of a book in text, italicize it

Primary vs Secondary Sources: see notes posted to my web page