

APA Format¹

SUU Writing Center

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In-text or Parenthetical References

Functions of parenthetical references within a paper:

1. They signal places in your paper where you have paraphrased, summarized, or quoted material from another source.
2. They say exactly where that material is located in the source.
3. They give information enabling a reader to find the source in the list of references that appears at the end of your paper.

Tips:	Examples:
<i>A typical example</i> of an in-text reference consists of the author's last name and the year of publication inserted within the text. APA format calls for a comma between the name and the date surrounded by parentheses. ² If the parenthetical reference occurs at the end of a sentence, place the parentheses before the ending punctuation mark.	One study of stress in the workplace (Weisberg, 1999) shows a correlation between... These theories have been proven wrong by several counter-studies (Lee, 2000).
<i>For a quotation</i> , a page number appears in addition to the author's name and the year of publication.	Because of the information about the Japanese success, the United States has come to realize that "Japanese productivity has successfully challenged, even humiliated, American in world competition" (Bowman, 2001, p. 197).
<i>If your sentence includes the author's name</i> , give the year of publication immediately after the name, even if the page number falls at a different place in the sentence.	Morris (1998) found "elbows-to-shoulder" distance (p. 131) is preferred.
<i>When making a quotation of more than forty words</i> , use a freestanding "block quotation" on a new line, indent five to seven spaces, and omit the quotation marks.	Smith (1999) found the following: The "placebo effect" which had been verified in previous studies, disappeared... (more than forty words).
<i>Within a paragraph</i> , you need not include the year in subsequent references to a work as long as it cannot be confused with other works cited.	Smith (2002) compared reaction times... Smith also found...
<i>When a work has two authors</i> , cite both names every time the reference occurs in the text.	As James and Ryerson (2001) demonstrated, the placebo effect has influenced the pharmaceutical industry. As was shown (James and Ryerson, 2001)...

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² If the information appears in the text, do not restate it in the parenthetical citation. For example, "In Weisberg's 1999 study of stress in the workplace..." Here, no parenthetical reference is necessary because all the needed citation information is provided in the text.

<p><i>When a work has three to five authors, cite all authors the first time; in subsequent citations, include only the surname of the first author followed by “et al.” and the year.</i></p>	<p>Williams, Jones, Smith, Bradner, and Torrington (1998) found...</p> <p>Williams et al. (1998) found...</p>
<p><i>When a work has six or more authors, cite the surname of the first author followed by “et al.” for every citation.</i></p>	<p>Anderson, et al. (2000) discovered that when children...</p>
<p><i>If a group is readily identified by its initials, spell it out only the first time; in subsequent citations include only the initials and the year.</i></p>	<p>As reported in a government survey (National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2001), the average number of psychopaths...</p> <p>The NIMH study (2001) further revealed...</p>
<p><i>If there is no author’s name, use either the title or an abbreviated form of the title. Place the title in quotation marks. Either underline or italicize for the title of a periodical, book, brochure, or report.</i></p>	<p>(“DNA Profiling,” 1991)</p> <p><i>(Herbs and their effects, 1997)</i></p>
<p><i>If you wish to cite several articles within the same parentheses, arrange the authors’ names alphabetically and use semicolons to separate the entries.</i></p>	<p>Several studies (Carlisle, 2001; Lewin, 1995; Lowrie & Wells, 1997; Webb, 1997) show the importance of DNA profiling.</p>
<p><i>For personal correspondences, letters, memos, lecture notes, e-mail, electronic bulletin boards, etc., list only in the text itself, but not on the reference page; include the words <i>personal communication</i> and the date in a parenthetical reference.</i></p>	<p>J.P. Miller (personal communication, April 11, 1996) provided substantial evidence supporting his claims that...</p>