

American Psychological Association (APA) Quick Reference

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Important Notes:

- APA style requires double-spaced reference lists. The following examples are single-spaced to conserve space.
- In the titles of books and articles, capitalize only the first word, the first word after a colon or a dash, and proper nouns.
- Although the following titles are underlined, APA style allows for consistent use of either italics or underlining.
- Remember to remove the hyperlink when typing URLs.

APA Encyclopedia



PRINT EXAMPLE * If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name. (Year). Article title. *In Title of Encyclopedia*. (Vol. Number, page(s). Place of publication: Publisher.

Strahle, W.C. (1995). Rocket. In *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Vol.16, pp.384-391). Chicago: World Books, Inc.

ELECTRONIC EXAMPLE * If no author is given (unsigned article), begin with title.

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name. (Year). Article title. *Encyclopedia title*. Retrieved Date from Name of database on the World Wide Web: URL entry page (Note: no period)

Garrison, D.L. (2001). Marine biology. *World Book Online Americas Edition*. Retrieved March 20, 2001 from World Book Online on the World Wide Web:
<http://www.worldbookonline.com>

APA Print References

APA Books



Author or Editor. (Publication date). Book title. Place of publication: Publisher.

*For multiple authors, reference list should include last names and initials for all joined with the & symbol.

BOOK EXAMPLE

Dixon, M. (1999). *Forces and movement*. Mankato, MI: Smart Apple Media.

EDITED BOOK

Gibbs, J. T. & Huang, L.N. (Eds.). (1991). *Children of Color: Psychological interventions with minority youth*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

APA ONE VOLUME IN MULTIVOLUME WORK

Broadcast engineer. (1998). *Exploring tech careers: Real people tell you what you need to know: Vol. 1*. Chicago: Ferguson

DICTIONARY

Dictionary entry. In Book title (edition page). Place of publication: Publisher.

Momentum. (1993). In *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* (10th. ed., p.750).
Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

APA PERIODICALS (JOURNALS, MAGAZINES & NEWSPAPERS)



PRINT EXAMPLES (If there is no author listed begin with the title of the article)

JOURNAL

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name (Year). Title of Article. Name of Journal, Volume, Page Numbers

VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates. *Journal of Bibliographic Research*, 5, 117-123.

JOURNAL FROM DATABASE

Hien, D., & Honeyman, T. (2000). A Closer Look at the Drug Abuse-Maternal Aggression Link. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 15, 503-522. Retrieved May 20, 2000, from Academic Search Premier Database.

MAGAZINE

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name. (Year, Month Day). Title of Article. *Magazine title*, Volume#, Page Numbers. **Note: Use year and month if it is a monthly magazine**

Cloud, J. (2001, March 12). Should SATs Matter? *Time*, 62-70.

MAGAZINE FROM A WEBSITE

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name. (Year, Month Day). Title of Article. *Magazine title*, Volume#, Page Numbers. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from title of database on the World Wide Web: URL or Web Address

Schultz, S. (2000, April 29). Would-be quitters get help winning against nicotine. *US News & World Report*, 58. Retrieved April 12, 2004, from John B. Cade Electronic Library Database on the World Wide Web: <http://www.lib.subr.edu>

NEWSPAPER

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name. (Year, Month Day). Title of Article. *Newspaper title*, Page Numbers. **Note: use p. or pp. for newspaper pages**

Rundle, R. (2002, May 1). Obesity's Hidden Costs. *Wall Street Journal*, pp. B1-B4.

NEWSPAPER WITH NO AUTHOR

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15) *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPER

Author's Last Name, Initial of first name. (Year, Month Day). Title of Article. *Newspaper Title*. Page Numbers. Retrieved Month Day, Year from title of database on the World Wide Web: URL or Web Address

Mirkin, G. (2001, April 15). Endurance sports beneficial to heart. *The Washington Times*. P. C12. Retrieved April 12 2004, from Lexis Nexis Library Database on the World Wide Web: <http://www.lib.subr.edu>

APA OTHER ELECTRONIC SOURCES

If there is no author, move the title to the author position before the date of publication. If no publication date is available, use "n.d." (stands for "no date") in its place.

GENERAL WEB SITE

Author's Last Name, Initial of First Name. (Date of page). Title of Page. Retrieved Date of access, from the World Wide Web: Electronic Address or URL

The Holocaust History project. (n.d.). Retrieved April 12, 2005, from the World Wide Web:
<http://www.holocaust-history.org/>

APA Other Citations

APA INTERVIEW

Name of person interviewed (personal communication, Date)

B. Nye (personal communication, April 16, 2001)

*APA asks that personal communication be cited in text only and that it not be included in reference list because it does not provide recoverable data.

APA PAMPHLET

Author. Date of publication). Brochure title. [Brochure]. Place of publication: Publisher.

American Society of Safety Engineers. (1996). Careers in safety [Brochure]. Des Plaines, IL: Author.

Note: Author used at end of entry because American Society of Safety Engineers is also the publisher