

APA

Referencing

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What is APA referencing?

APA referencing aims to **acknowledge the sources** used in a research paper. These sources include books, journal articles, reports and multimedia items.

Why reference?

- Acknowledging sources of information
- Giving credit to authors / editors
- Tracing ideas
- Avoiding plagiarism

What needs to be included?

- **Author** and **date** are the two major elements of an APA reference entry.
- **In-text citation** and **references** are the two integral parts of APA referencing.

In-text Citation

Direct Quotation

- Add **quotation marks** around the quote
- Put **(Author's Surname, Publication Year, Page No.)** after the quote

In short, "children's physical surroundings have a strong influence on their education and development" (Knauf, 2017, p. 43).

**Any quote of 40 words or more should be indented and double-space, with no quotation marks.*

Paraphrasing

- **✗** No **quotation marks** and **page no.** needed
- Put **(Author's Surname, Publication Year)** after the text
- Use **&** to separate **2 authors**

Sleep problems in childhood have a detrimental effect on children's reading ability (Joyce & Breadmore, 2022).

If authors are **named in the text...**

- Put **(Publication Year)** after the authors

Singer-Brodowski and Grossmann (2023) reported that...

If **more than one work** has to be cited...

- Use **;** to separate **authors of different works**

The findings suggest that..... decreasing. (Schreiber, 2021; Clarke & Drozd, 2023).

If there are **3 authors or more**,

- Write **et al.** after the first author's surname in every citation

Weaver **et al.** (2024) stated that...

If **organization** is the author,

- In the **first citation**, put the official abbreviation in bracket after the full name

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA, 2023) reported...

- In **subsequent citations**, put abbreviation only

IAEA (2023) announced...

References

- Placed at **the end of the paper**
- Arrange reference entries in **alphabetical order**

Print Book

Single author

Mankiw, N. G. (2024). *Principles of economics* (10th ed.). Cengage Learning.

Multiple authors

- **2 authors:** Add **, &** to **separate** authors
- **Above 2 authors:** Put **, &** **before** the last author

Harris, M., Taylor, G., & Jackson, D. (2024). *Clinical evidence made easy* (2nd ed.). Scion Publishing.

Publisher as author

If **author** and **publisher** are the **same**...

- Put **publisher** in the author position

American Psychiatric Association. (2013). *Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders: DSM-5* (5th ed.).

Chapter in an edited book

- **Italicize** the book title, **not** the chapter title

Hodgson, J. (2023). Learning disability. In N. Davison & D. Matthews (Eds.), *A handbook for trainee nursing associates* (pp. 163-185). Lantern Publishing.

e-Book

- Add **DOI (if applicable)**
- Add **URL** (if retrieved from non-databases)

Omoyeni, T. (2023). *Generative AI tools for developers: A practical guide*. SitePoint. <https://doi.org/xxxxxxx>

Online Report

- Add **URL** after the report title

Census and Statistics Department (2024). *Quarterly report on general household survey*. <https://xxxxxxx>

Journal Article

e-journal article

- **Italicize** the journal title, **not** the article title
- Add **DOI (if applicable)**
- Add **URL** (if retrieved from non-databases)

Gibbs, K. D., Loveless, J., & Crane, S. (2022). A guide to using technological applications to facilitate systematic reviews. *Worldviews on Evidence-based Nursing*, 19(6), 442-449. <https://doi.org/xxxxxxx>

Print journal article

- The format is the **same** as above, but **without** DOI.

Newspaper Article

Print newspaper article

- **Italicize** the newspaper title, **not** the article

Shen, Y. (2024, July 2). Neural probe could have 'transformative impact'. *South China Morning Post*, A6.

Online newspaper article

- Add **URL** after the newspaper title

Crook, C. (2023, December 11). AI may actually create more jobs. *The Standard*. <https://xxxxxxx>

Webpage

- Cite the **author** and **date** of the article

Fester, J. (2024, February 22). *An effective strategy for successful group work*. Edutopia. <https://xxxxxxx>

Streaming Video

- Put **[Video]** after the title

Langfocus. (2019, January 27). *Viking influence on the English language!* [Video]. YouTube. <https://xxxxxxx>

Conference Paper

- Provide **conference name**, **date** and **location** in addition to the **italicized article title**

Chen, J. (2022, August 19-21). *Use big data to predict unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic* [Paper presentation]. The 3rd International Conference on Big Data and Social Sciences, Hulunbuir, China.

- If author is **not** provided in a work, put the title **at the beginning**, followed by year / date.
- If no publication year / date is given, mark **n.d.**

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