

APA 7th Edition. Citation Examples and Tips

Monroe County Community College Library

Revised 2021 September 2, D. Peck

Reference List Examples

Serial article (a journal, magazine, or newspaper article) with a DOI [*EBSCO Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection*. See Tips discussion of DOI]

Rudi, J., & Dworkin, J. (2018). Is technology-mediated parental monitoring related to adolescent substance use? *Substance Use & Misuse*, 53(8), 1331–1341.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2017.1408653>

Serial article (a journal, magazine, or newspaper article) without a DOI, from most library databases or a print version [*Academic Search Premiere* or *ProQuest Central*. See Tips on articles obtained from library databases]

Inglis, L. (2019). Opium's human history. *Natural History*, 127(3), 14–21.

Article without a DOI available only in one specific library database [*CQ Researcher*. See Tips on including a URL for items not otherwise widely available.]

Mantel, B. (2020 May 8). CTE and athletes. *CQ Researcher*, 1-53.

<https://library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/cqresrre2020050800>

Article from an online newspaper website

Schmucker, J. (2020, April 9). Monroe County sees first coronavirus death. *The Blade*.

<https://www.toledoblade.com/local/Coronavirus/2020/04/09/monroe-county-sees-first-coronavirus-death/stories/20200409095>

Unsigned entry in a reference book, without a DOI, from most library databases or a print version [*Credo Reference*]

Killing and letting die. (2001). In L. C. Becker, & C. B. Becker (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of ethics* (2nd ed.). Routledge.

Authored entry in a reference book, without a DOI, from most library databases or a print version [*Nursing Resource Center*]

Gilles, G., Wells, K., & Cataldo, L. (2015). Diabetic neuropathy. In J. L. Longe (Ed.), *Gale encyclopedia of medicine* (5th ed., Vol. 3). Gale.

Authored entry in a reference book, with a DOI, from most library databases or a print version

[*Credo Reference*. See Tips for finding the DOI when a library database does not provide one.]

Smith, C. M. (2014). Elder abuse. In J. S. Albanese, *The encyclopedia of criminology and criminal*

justice. Wiley. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118517383.wbeccj175>

Unsigned entry in a reference book, one volume of a multi-volume set, from a print version

Devil's strip. In Cassidy, F. G. (Ed.). (1991). *Dictionary of American regional English* (Vol. II, pp. 55-

56). Belknap Press.

Article reprinted from a journal article in a reference book, from most library databases or a print version [*Gale Literature*]

Reich, A. (1990). Pheoby's hungry listening. In R. Matuz (Ed.), *Contemporary literary criticism* (Vol.

61). Gale. 262-263. (Reprinted from Reich A., Pheoby's hungry listening, (1986), *Women's*

Studies, 13[1&2], 163-169, <https://doi.org/10.1080/00497878.1986.9978661>).

Authored book without a DOI, from print version or most library databases

Troesken, W. (2006). *The great lead water pipe disaster*. MIT Press.

Chapter in an edited book without a DOI, from a print version or most library databases

Korol, K. T. (2006). Marketing multiple mythologies of masculinity: Television advertising and the

National Hockey League. In J. A. Vlasich (Ed.) *Horsehide, pigskin, oval tracks and apple pie:*

Essays on sports and American culture (pp. 180-99). McFarland.

Webpage with an individual author on a website

Allen, Greg. (2012, November 26). "Will Florida pythons slither to rest of the U.S.?" *NPR*.

www.npr.org/2012/11/26/165941428/will-florida-pythons-slither-to-rest-of-the-u-s

Webpage with a group author on a website [See Tips on omitting information for publisher of website if it is the same as author and on abbreviating group author names.]

Environmental Protection Agency. (2019, November 18). *Basic information about lead in drinking water*.

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-lead-drinking-water>

Government department website publication [See Tips on which department name to use as the author and which as the publisher/website.]

Forest Service. (n.d.) *Tree cutting*. U.S. Department of Agriculture. Retrieved April 22, 2020 from

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/know-before-you-go/tree-cutting>

Streaming video

Centers for Disease Control. (2019, December 16). *What you need to know about handwashing* [video].

YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d914EnpU4Fo>

Reference List Tips

- Follow any guidelines or variations given by your **instructor** if they differ from those here or in the APA 7th Manual.
- **Check and revise** any database-supplied APA citations, especially for pre-APA 7 style and for capitalization and punctuation. You, not a computer, are responsible for your assignment or paper.
- Reference list: **Double-space**. Use the same font as the rest of your paper. Start on a new page with a centered section label "References" in bold at the top. Then use a **hanging indent**: the first line is not indented; the following lines are indented 0.5 in. Do not use extra spacing between items or paragraphs. You may need to change your **word processor default** paragraph settings.
- Except for the DOI or URL, **punctuate the end** of each element of the reference -- author, date of publication, title, source -- with a period.
- **Alphabetize** the Reference List by the first author's surname, then initials. If a reference lacks an author, alphabetize by the first word (but not an article such as the, a, an) of the title.
- In the Reference List, show an **author name with last name first, followed by initials only**. An editor's initials may sometimes go first, such as "Author, A. B. Title of entry or chapter. In F. M. Lastname (Ed.) *Encyclopedia or anthology title*."
- List all (unless more than twenty) **author names** in the order given in the work.
- Do not abbreviate a **group or corporate author name** in the reference list, for example use Environmental Protection Agency rather than EPA.
- If the **author is the same as that of the publisher** of a website, leave out the publisher name. If a **government department** is both author and publisher, use the most specific or lowest level department as the author, such as "Forest Department", and the parent department(s) as the publisher, such as "Department of Agriculture".
- A **Digital Object Identifier or DOI** is a unique string of numbers and letters assigned to a particular (but not every) journal article or book. Consider it as an optional Social Security Number for an article or book. The item's DOI link may take you to its original publisher's website rather than to the library database you obtained it from.
- If the library database does not supply a DOI link, please check **CrossRef** at <https://crossref.org> , Use the item's citation information (title, author name, year of publication, etc.) to find the item's DOI, if one has been assigned.
- If a database provides a customized **DOI** link with a prefix such as "doi-org.monroeccl.idm.oclc.org", edit out that prefix unless your instructor tells you otherwise.
- When a **DOI is not available** for an item from a library database, provide **URL and library database information only** for items not otherwise widely available, such as some ERIC documents, or as directed by your instructor.
- **Date of publication**: If no date of publication is given, use "n.d." for the date.
- There are no differences among serial types such as **journals, magazines, or newspapers** as to inclusion of volume and issue numbers. If volume or issue information is available, then include it in the citation.
- Serial/Periodical article: if any part of the publication information such as page, issue or volume numbers is **missing**, use only what is available.

- Use **Sentence Case** for titles of articles, books, and webpages in the reference list. **Capitalize only** proper nouns, only the first word of a title or subtitle, and only nouns followed by numerals or letters, even if more words were capitalized in the source itself.
- Use **Title Case** for titles of periodicals/serials such as journals, magazines, or newspapers. Lowercase only minor words such as articles, short conjunctions and short prepositions that have three or fewer letters. Capitalize any first word of a title or subtitle, even if it is a short minor word.
- Use an imprint or division name as the **publisher name**; for example, use "Belknap Press" rather than "Belknap Press of Harvard University Press", of which Belknap is an imprint. Otherwise, use the spelling and capitalization of the publisher name as shown in the work.
- If a date of publication is unavailable or if a work is continually being revised or likely to change, include a **retrieval date with the URL**. A retrieval date is usually not needed if a DOI is included or if the version used is stable or archived. Include the phrase "Retrieved from" before a URL or DOI only when a retrieval date is used in the citation.
- Do not indicate the format or device of an **ebook** if the content is the same as that of the print version.

In-Text Citation Examples

Narrative

- Gilles et al. (2015) stated that the odds of developing neuropathy increase as the length of time a patient has diabetes increases (second paragraph).
- Rudi & Dworkin (2018) found that more technology-assisted parental monitoring of their children's behavior did not result in less teen substance use.
- According to Inglis (2019), the opium poppy was "one of the earliest attempts at genetic engineering, over 5,000 years ago" (p. 14). **They** also stated that the earliest evidence of opium poppy use for narcotic purposes came from Spain (p.17).

Parenthetical

- Information readily available in the 1800's to consumers about the safety of lead water pipes was often tainted by conflicts of interest (Troesken, 2006, pp. 150-158).
- "Common sense tells us that, while we may not kill people, our duty to give them aid is much more limited" ("Killing and Letting Die", 2001).

In-Text Citation Tips

- Use the **past tense or present perfect tense** instead of the present tense, for example "found" or "has found" instead of "finds", when quoting from or discussing information from your sources.
- Use **title case** for the in-text citation when **no author is provided** in the reference list, such as "Killing and Letting Die".
- Use **only the year** in the parenthetical even if the reference list includes a month and day.
- APA 7 style recommends that writers use "**they**" as a **singular pronoun** for a person who uses "they" as their personal pronoun or whose gender is unknown or irrelevant. Use a plural verb form such as "are" in these cases, even though the subject is singular.
- If page numbers are not available, use an alternative if practical such as a **paragraph, section, or chart number** that will give an idea where that information may be found in the work.

For additional details and assistance

- *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th ed. 2020 at MCCC Library.
- American Psychology Association's APA Style website at <https://apastyle.apa.org>
- Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) APA Style website at https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/