

WHY SHOULD I REFERENCE?

Referencing is an essential part of university-level writing. Citing all sources used in your work will:

- acknowledge the work of other writers;
- enable other researchers to trace your sources;
- demonstrate the depth of your research; and
- support the arguments and opinions put forward in your work.

WHAT IS APA REFERENCING?

APA is the referencing style set by the American Psychological Association. It consists of two parts:

1. **In-text citation:** a short reference (author, date) contained within the text of your assignment; and
2. **End-text reference:** the full citation details of each reference used in the text of your assignment.

For most information sources, an in-text citation should have a corresponding end-text reference, and every work in the end-text reference list should have at least one in-text citation. The exception to this is when you cite personal communications.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations must be included each time you use the words or ideas of another writer. In-text citations include the details of the author/s (usually just the surname), and the year of publication in the **(author, date)** format. You must always include an in-text citation when you:

- **Directly Quote** another author (word for word) **Note:** you must also include a page number for direct quotes **(author, date, page number)** e.g. (Wheelen, 2008, p. 23).

Use the paragraph number or section heading for electronic sources with no page number, e.g. (Basu & Jones, 2007, para. 4). Check with your class teacher if they require paragraph number.

An in-text citation must always contain the author and date, but the format will depend on how you structure your sentence.

When to Use An Intext Reference

- **Paraphrase, summarise or synthesise** another author's work in your own words. In-text citations, when paraphrasing, (so NOT a Direct quote) can take a number of forms, depending on how you choose to structure your sentence. For example:

Kessler (2014) found that among epidemiological samples . . .

Early onset results in a more persistent and severe course (Kessler, 2014) showed . . .

In 2014, Kessler's study of epidemiological samples showed that . . .

- **Support** your own work with another author's work, either to provide an example or to provide evidence for an argument.

END-TEXT REFERENCES

The end-text reference list provides full citation details of a work based on the following four elements:

1. **who** produced the work (i.e. author, which might be an organisation or a person)
2. **when** was the work produced (i.e. date of publication)
3. **what** is the work you are referring to (i.e. title of the work)

4. **where** did this work come from (i.e. publisher or online source)

All end-text reference list citations have the following format as their underlying structure:
Author, A. A. (year). Title. Source. **Please Note: Place of publication is NO longer required.**

HOW MANY AUTHORS?

APA has strict rules for how to show the author's names in the text of your assignment and in your reference list. You need to check the number of authors you have for your work, and then format your references accordingly:

1-2 authors: For **one or two authors**, always mention the names of all authors

In Text Examples:

Zhang and Webb (2019) noted that students who read bilingual books performed better in vocabulary tests.

Reference List Examples:

Zhang, Z., & Webb, S. (2019). The effects of reading bilingual books on vocabulary learning. *Reading in a Foreign Language*, 31(1), 109–39. <http://nflrc.hawaii.edu/rfl/April2019/April2019/articles/zhang.pdf>

NOTE: you no longer are required to remove hyperlink i.e. the blue and underlining of the URL

3-20 authors: When you have **3 or more authors**, you only use the first author's surname in text, and abbreviate the rest of the list with "et al." (Latin for "and others"). In your reference list, you **list all of the authors (up to 20)**.

In Text Examples:

Boers et al.'s (2017) research into the use of pictures in glosses found they may decrease the amount of attention given to the words.

Using pictures to illustrate glosses may, in fact, decrease the amount of attention given to the words (Boers et al., 2017).

Reference List Examples:

Boers, F., Warren, P., He, L., & Deconinck, J. (2017). Does adding pictures to glosses enhance vocabulary uptake from reading? *System*, 66, 113-129. 10.1016/j.system.2017.03.017

More than 20 authors: When you have **more than 3 authors (regardless of how many)**, you only use the first author's surname in text, and abbreviate the rest of the list with "et al.". In your reference list, you **list the first 19 authors and the last one**, using an ellipses (...) to show that some authors have been omitted (do not use an ampersand &).

In Text Examples:

Tobler et al.'s (2017) research found genetic evidence that suggests Australian Aboriginal people have inhabited the Australian landmass for approximately 50,000 years.

Genetic evidence suggests the Australian Aboriginal people have inhabited the Australian landmass for approximately 50,000 years (Tobler et al., 2017).

Reference List Examples:

Always include no more than twenty names, the first 19 and the last one:

Tobler, R., Rohrlach, A., Soubrier, J., Bover, P., Llamas, B., Tuke, J., Bean, N., Abdullah-Highfold, A., Agius, S., O'Donoghue, A., O'Loughlin, I., Sutton, P., Zilio, F., Walshe, K.,

Williams, A. N., Turney, C. S. M., Williams, M., Richards, S. M., Mitchell, N. ... Cooper, A. (2017). Aboriginal mitogenomes reveal 50,000 years of regionalism in Australia. *Nature*, 544(7649), 180-184. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature21416>

Things to Note:

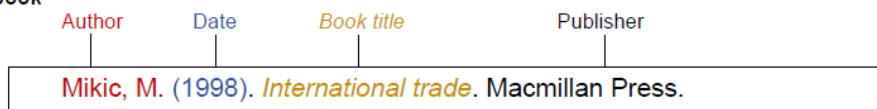
Pay attention to the use of commas, the ampersand (&), and the word "and".

- You use the word "and" when you are using the author's names as part of your sentence, but an "&" when the names are in the brackets or the reference list.
- In text, you will always use a comma after each author (except the last one) when you have more than two names. In your reference list, you put a comma after each author (except the last one).

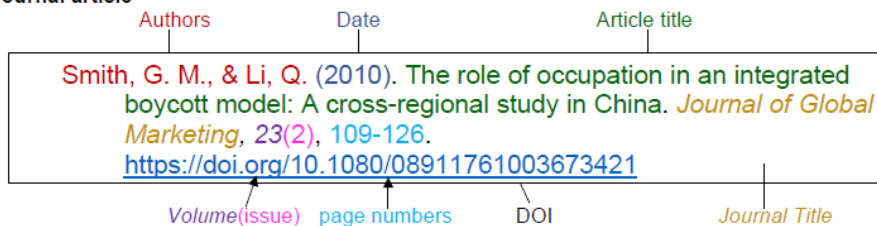
You always put a full stop after the al. in et al., because it is short for "et alia" ("and others").

Components of a REFERENCE

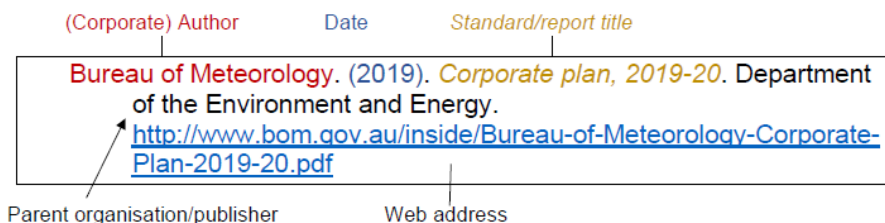
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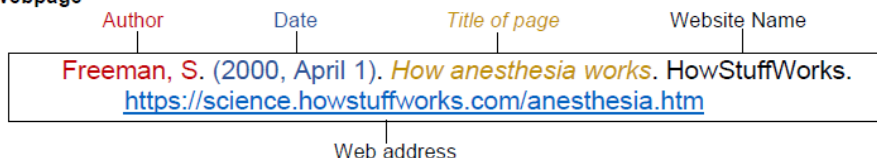
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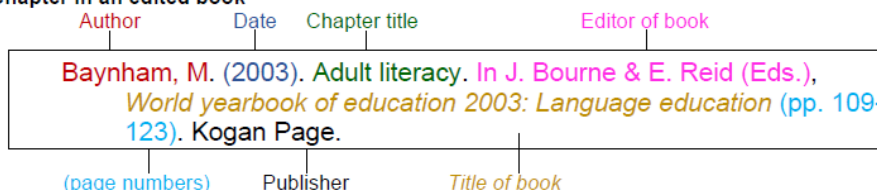
Government report



Webpage



Chapter in an edited book



If there is no date found as to when the resource was published, use the abbreviation (n.d.) for "no date." Ensure you look very carefully for this particularly for web resources.

SAMPLE REFERENCES:

Journal Article	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
With doi (digital object identifier)	(Stahl, 2016)	Huizinga, J. (2015). The world I live in. <i>Self & Society</i> , 13(1), 2-11. https://doi.org/10.1080/03060497.1985.11084661
Print, and online articles with no doi	(Ponce & Rowe, 2018)	Ponce, A. N., & Rowe, M. (2018). Citizenship and community mental health care. <i>American Journal of Community Psychology</i> , 61(1-2), 22-31. <i>Academic articles with no DOI do not require a URL.</i>
3+ authors	(McGuire et al., 2014)	McGuire, J. A., Witt, C. C., Remsen, J. V., Corl, A., Rabosky, D. L., Altshuler, D. L., & Dudley, R. (2014). Molecular phylogenetics and the diversification of hummingbirds. <i>Current Biology</i> , 24(8), 910-916. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2014.03.016
More than 20 authors	(Leung et al., 2015)	Leung, W., Shaffer, C. D., Reed, L., Smith, S. T., Barshop, W., Dirkes, W., Dothager, M., Lee, P., Wong, J., Xiong, D., Yuan, H., Bedard, J. E. J., Machone, J. F., Patterson, S. D., Price, A. L., Turner, B. A., Robic, S., Luippold, E. K., McCartha, S. R., . . . Elgin, S. C. R. (2015). <i>Drosophila</i> Muller F elements maintain a distinct set of genomic properties over 40 million years of evolution. <i>G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics</i> , 5(5), 719-740. https://doi.org/10.1534/g3.114.015966 <i>If there are more than 20 authors, include the first 19 authors, followed by an ellipsis (. . .), then the last author's name.</i>
Book	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
2 authors, edition	(Sennewald & Baillie, 2016)	Sennewald, C. A., & Baillie, C. (2016). <i>Effective security management</i> (6th ed.). Butterworth-Heinemann. <i>Use the full name of the publisher, except for markers of business structure such as "Inc" or "Pty Ltd".</i>
Electronic book with DOI	(Matson, 2017)	Matson, J. L. (2017). <i>Handbook of social behavior and skills in children</i> . Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-64592-6 <i>If a book has a DOI, include it. If it does not, reference as print.</i>
Edited book	(Guzys & Petrie, 2014)	Guzys, D., & Petrie, E. (Eds.). (2014). <i>An introduction to community and primary health care</i> . Cambridge University Press.
Chapter of a book	(Ryan, 2005)	Ryan, M. J. (2005). Evolution of behaviour. In J. Bolhuis & L. Giraldeau (Eds.), <i>The behaviour of animals</i> (pp. 294-314). Blackwell Publishing.
Reference Work	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Entry in a continually updated dictionary	(Merriam-Webster, n.d.)	Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Major depressive disorder. In <i>Merriam-Webster.com dictionary</i> . Retrieved December 6, 2019, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/major%20depressive%20disorder

Conference Paper	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Conference presentation (with type in brackets)	(Jones, 1993)	Jones, P. (1993, September). <i>Backyard bird watching</i> [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of the Naturalist Club, Perth, WA, Australia.
Conference proceedings (published as a chapter of a book)	(Smith, 2003)	Smith, C. L. (2003). Understanding concepts in the defence in depth strategy. In <i>Proceedings of the IEEE 37th Annual 2003 International Carnahan Conference on Security Technology</i> (pp. 8-16). IEEE. https://doi.org/10.1109/CCST.2003.1297528 Follow the format for an edited book.
Report	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Authored report	(Stewart et al., 2014)	Stewart, J., Hedwards, B., Richards, K., Willis, M., & Higgins, D. (2014). <i>Indigenous youth justice programs evaluation</i> . Australian Institute of Criminology. https://aic.gov.au/publications/special/005 Include the name of the publishing organisation as the publisher, unless the publisher is also the author.
Technical report, e.g. ABS report	(Australian Bureau of Statistics [ABS], 2016) Subsequent mention: (ABS, 2016)	Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2016). <i>Land management and farming in Australia, 2014-15</i> (Cat. No. 4627.0). https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Lookup/4627.0Main+Features102014-15 Long URLs like this may be replaced using a URL shortener.
Standard	(Standards Australia, 2016)	Standards Australia. (2016). <i>Pavements. Part 1: Residential</i> (AS 3727.1:2016). Do not include the publisher if they are also the author.

Source	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Entry in an encyclopaedia - individual author	(Jensen, 2015)	Jensen, R. (2015). Advocacy journalism. In W. Donsbach (Ed.), <i>The concise encyclopedia of communication</i> (pp. 94-95). Wiley Blackwell.
Wikipedia (or online dictionary with no author)	("Bird," 2019)	Bird. (2019, December 1). In <i>Wikipedia</i> . https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Bird&oldid=928751793 Use the permanent link for the page at the time you used it. If you use a permanent link, you do not need a retrieval date.
Newspaper	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Newspaper article	(Harlan, 2013)	Harlan, C. (2013, April 2). North Korea vows to restart shuttered nuclear reactor that can make bomb-grade plutonium. <i>The Washington Post</i> , A1, A4.
Newspaper article online	(Caro, 2018)	Caro, J. (2018, June 22). How to tame trolls. <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> . https://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/life-and-relationships/how-to-tame-trolls-20180621-p4zmtc.html
Online-only news source	(Gunders, 2020)	Gunders, P. (2020, January 29). <i>Meet Australia's other commuters</i> . ABC News. https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-29/meet-the-bush-commuters/11758372

Source	In-text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Australian curriculum document	(Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority [ACARA], 2014)	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority. (2014). <i>Foundation to year 10 curriculum: Language for interaction</i> (ACELA1428). http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Curriculum/ContentDescription/ACELA1428
Website	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Webpage	(British Society for Nanomedicine, n.d.)	British Society for Nanomedicine. (n.d.). <i>What is nanotechnology and what is nanomedicine?</i> https://www.britishsocietynanomedicine.org/what-is-nanomedicine/ If the page doesn't say when the content was published, use the abbreviation n.d. for "no date."
Website as a whole	KidsPsych (http://www.kidspych.org) is an interactive website for children...	When citing an entire website, and not a particular page or idea on that website, it is sufficient to give the address of the site within your writing. No reference list entry is needed.
Blog post	(Myers, 2019)	Myers, P. Z. (2019, December 5). Wait! The end of the semester isn't all that bad! <i>Pharyngula</i> . https://freethoughtblogs.com/pharyngula/2019/12/05/wait-the-end-of-the-semester-isnt-all-that-bad/

Audio- Visual Material	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Film/motion picture	(Bell, 1999)	Bell, A. J. W. (Director). (1999). <i>Lost for words</i> [Film]. Yorkshire Television.
YouTube or other streaming video	(McDonnell, 2011)	McDonnell, C. [charlieissocoollike]. (2011, May 17). <i>Stop procrastinating</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/charlie#p/u/4/qjlsdbBsE8q Include the author's screen name in brackets, if required.
TED Talk or webinar	(Agler, 2019)	Agler, E. (2019, April). <i>An end to parasitic worms</i> [Video]. TED. https://www.ted.com/talks/ellen_agler_an_end_to_parasitic_worms

Other	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Thesis / dissertation	(Kershaw, 2016)	Kershaw, L. H. (2016). <i>Journeys towards expertise in technology-supported teaching</i> [Doctoral dissertation, Edith Cowan University]. Research Online. http://ro.ecu.edu.au/theses/1776
Photographs / images	(Bredel, 2013)	Bredel, M. (2013). <i>Storm ahead</i> [Photograph]. Flickr. https://www.flickr.com/photos/marvinok/9053229662/ This in-text citation is for discussing the image only. If you are reproducing an image in your work, add a copyright statement.

Legal Material	In-Text Citation	End-Text Reference & Notes
Legislation	(<i>Narcotic Drugs Act 1967</i> (Cth), s 8E(1)(b))	<i>Narcotic Drugs Act 1967</i> (Cth) Legal materials in APA style are referenced using the format and conventions of the country's legal citation style. In Australia, this style is AGLC (currently on its 4 th edition). For explanations and examples of this type of referencing, visit the Referencing Guide page for Australian Legal Materials .

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Use a **hanging indent** for subsequent lines.

Each entry is in **alphabetical order** according to the last name of the author or editor.
If there is no author, list according to the first main word of the title.

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