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**General Guide to APA Referencing Style (7th edition)**

The APA (American Psychological Association) referencing style is widely used in academic writing, particularly in the social sciences. The latest edition, the 7th edition, includes guidelines for both print and electronic resources. This guide provides a comprehensive overview of how to reference these resources properly.

**In-Text Citations**

In-text citations are brief references within your text that direct readers to the full reference in your reference list/bibliography.

*Author-date format: Use the author's last name and the year of publication.*

*Example: One author - (Smith, 2020) or (Smith 2020)*

 *Two authors - (Smith & Brown, 2023) or Smith & Brown (2023)*

 *Three authors - Smith, Brown and Randy (2021)*

*Multiple authors - Smith et al. (2024)*

**Reference List / Bibliography**

The reference list provides detailed information about each source cited in your text, allowing readers to locate the sources themselves.

1. Alphabetical order: Arrange entries by the last name of the first author.
2. Hanging indent: Each entry should have a hanging indent.

**Referencing Print Resources**

**Books**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the book: Subtitle (Edition). Publisher.

Example:

Smith, J. A. (2020). Understanding Psychology (3rd ed.). Pearson.

**Edited Books**

Format:

Editor, E. E. (Ed.). (Year). Title of the book: Subtitle. Publisher.

Example:

Brown, L. M. (Ed.). (2019). Advances in Cognitive Science. Academic Press.

**Book Chapters**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the chapter. In E. E. Editor (Ed.), Title of the book: Subtitle (pp. xx-xx). Publisher.

Example:

Davis, R. (2018). Learning theories. In T. K. Moore (Ed.), Educational Psychology: An Introduction (pp. 45-68). Sage.

**Journal Articles**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, Volume (Issue), page numbers.

Example:

Johnson, M. B. (2021). Recent trends in cognitive neuroscience. Journal of Neuroscience Research, 34(2), 123-145.

**Referencing Electronic Resources**

**E-Books**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the book: Subtitle. Publisher. URL

Example:

Williams, S. (2020). Digital Marketing Strategies. McGraw-Hill. <https://www.example.com/digital-marketing-strategies>

**Online Journal Articles**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, Volume(Issue), page numbers. DOI or URL

Example:

Martin, L. J. (2019). Virtual reality in education. Educational Technology Research, 28(3), 56-72. https://doi.org/10.1234/educ.2019.03456

**Websites** (Placeholder1)

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of the webpage. Website Name. URL

Example:

Taylor, H. (2021, April 5). The future of AI in healthcare. HealthTech News. https://www.healthtechnews.com/future-of-ai-healthcare

**Blog Posts**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of the blog post. Blog Name. URL

Example:

Green, P. (2022, March 15). Sustainable living tips. Eco-Friendly Life. https://www.ecofriendlylife.com/sustainable-living-tips

**Online Reports**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the report (Report No. xxx). Publisher. URL

Example:

National Institute of Health. (2020). Annual health statistics report (Report No. NIH-2020-001). https://www.nih.gov/health-statistics-2020

**YouTube Videos**

Format:

Uploader. (Year, Month Day). Title of the video [Video]. YouTube. URL

Example:

TechGuru. (2021, May 10). How to use Python for data analysis [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=python-data-analysis

**Online Encyclopedias and Dictionaries**

Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of the entry. In E. Editor (Ed.), Title of the reference work (edition). Publisher. URL

Example:

Carson, T. (2019). Quantum mechanics. In R. Wilson (Ed.), Encyclopedia of Physics (4th ed.). Science Press. https://www.sciencepress.com/quantum-mechanics

**Tips for Accurate APA Referencing**

1. Double-check author names and publication dates.
2. Use italics for journal names.
3. Include DOIs or URLs for online sources when available.
4. Follow the specific format for each type of resource.
5. Keep your reference list consistent and properly formatted.