



Preparing a Reference List in APA Style

General Formatting

- Begin your reference list on a separate page at the end of your document under the label References. Put the label at the center top of the page. Do not bold, underline or use quotations marks in the label.
- Alphabetize the list of references by the first word in each entry (usually the author's last name.)
- Make the first line of each entry in your list flush with the margin. Subsequent lines in each entry should be indented one-half inch. This is known as a hanging indent.
- Double space all entries, with no skipped spaces between entries.
- Capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a book, article or Web page title, the first word after a colon or dash in the title, and proper nouns. Capitalize all major words in journal titles.
- If a reference has more than 7 authors, list the first 6 authors and then uses ellipses (. . .) after the 6th author's name. List the last author's name after the ellipses.
- If an article that is available electronically has been assigned a DOI (digital object identifier), include the DOI in the citation. If no DOI has been assigned, include the URL or library database information in the citation.

Basic Formats & Examples

Article

Scholarly Article in a Journal Paginated by Issue:

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume(Issue), Pages. Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from Database Name

Example:

Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(30), 5-13. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

Scholarly Article in a Journal Paginated by Volume:

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume, Pages. Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from Database Name

(Scholarly Article in a Journal Paginated by Volume, continued):

Example:

Giersch, A., & Rhein, V. (2009). Lack of flexibility in visual grouping in patients with schizophrenia. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 117, 132-142. doi: 10.1037/0021-843X.117.1.132

Magazine Article:

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Magazine*, Volume(Issue), Pages.
Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from Database Name

Example:

(2009). Iran and America: An intersecting history. *Newsweek*, 153(22), 29-52. Retrieved from Academic Search Premier database.

Newspaper Article:

Use p. or pp. before page numbers. Use p. for single-page articles. Use pp. for multiple-page articles.

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, Pages. Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from Database Name

Example:

Belle, E. (2007, January 1). Furnishing drama on Bravo's 'Top Design'. *Washington Post, The*, p. C07. Retrieved from Newspaper Source database.

Book

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of book*. Publisher City, Publisher State Abbreviation: Publisher.

Example:

Levitt, S. D. & Dubner, S. J. (2005). *Freakonomics: A rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything*. New York, NY: William Morrow.

Part of a Book (Such as an Essay in a Collection)

Use pp. before the page numbers of the specific essay or chapter.

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of chapter. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pages of chapter). Publisher City, Publisher State Abbreviation: Publisher.

Example:

O'Neil, J. M., & Egan, J. (1992). Men's and women's gender role journeys: Metaphor for healing, transition, and transformation. In B. R. Wainrib (Ed.), *Gender issues across the life cycle* (pp. 107-123). New York, NY: Springer.

Web Site

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title of site*. Retrieved from <http://Web address>

Example:

Dominican University. (2009). *Brennan School of Business*. Retrieved from <http://www.dom.edu/academics/bsb/index.htm>

Article in a Web Periodical

If an article has been assigned a DOI (digital object identifier), include the DOI in the citation. If no DOI has been assigned, include the URL in the citation.

Basic Format:

Author, A. A. (Date of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, Volume.
Digital Object Identifier / Retrieved from URL

Example:

Williamson, V. J., McDonald, C., Deutsch, D., Griffiths, T. D., & Stewart, L. (2010). Faster decline of pitch memory over time in congenital amusia. *Advances in Cognitive Psychology*, 6. doi: 10.2478/v10053-008-0073-5

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