APA style – Examples of reference list entries

This guide provides examples for citing various types of sources in APA style. The following examples are based on the information provided in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition* and the APA's Quick answers – References webpage.

1. Entire book

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- Invert all authors’ names. Give surnames and initials for up to seven authors.
- When author number exceeds seven, include the first six authors’ name. Then insert three ellipsis points and add the last author’s name.
- Capitalize only the first word of the title and of the subtitle, and any proper nouns.
- Italicize the book title.
- **E-book**: For books available only online, the electronic retrieval statement (or DOI, digital object identifier, if available) takes the place of the name and location of publisher.

2. Book chapter

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- Use the above citation format for chapter/part of edited works in which the chapters or parts have individual title and author(s), but are included in collections edited by others.
- Italicize the book title, but not the chapter/part title.
- **E-book**: For chapters of edited works available only online, the electronic retrieval statement (or DOI when available) takes the place of the name and location of publisher.
3. Journal article


- Present the journal title in full. Italicize the journal title.
- Capitalize all major words in the journal title. Capitalize only the first word of the article title and subtitle.
- Italicize the volume number. Issue number is given in parentheses (not italic) but is omitted if page numbers are continuous throughout a volume.

4. Online journal article


- APA requires the inclusion of DOI (digital object identifier) when available.
- For journal articles from the Internet, include the complete Internet address.

5. Newspaper article

Article Author, A. A. (Year, Month date). Title of article. *Title of Newspaper*, p. page number. Retrieved from Internet address

In print:

From the Internet:
6. Unpublished dissertation or thesis


7. Doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis available from a database service


- Italicize the title of a doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis.
- Identify the work as a doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis in parentheses after the title.

8. Web document or website

Author, A. A. (Year). *Title: Subtitle*. Retrieved from Source or supplier information: Internet address


- Record the elements depending on the type of web resources and the information available.
- The URL is important!

9. Other online resources

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of post <or Title of video>* [Description of form]. Retrieved from Internet address

Online video:

Online forum:

- Italicize title of videos. Do not italicize titles for items posted in online communities (e.g. blogs, newsgroups, forums).