

Citing in APA Format

All examples shown and other examples for APA citation, 6th edition, can be found at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/> and <http://nwtc.libguides.com/citations>

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask your teacher or the librarian.

Unless your teacher gives you other instructions, this is how the paper should be set up:

- Double-spaced on standard paper. Under the paragraph section in the Home tab in Word, click the bottom right corner. This opens up a box. You want line spacing to be Double. At and After should be at 0 pt.
- 1 inch margins on all sides
- 12pt. Times New Roman Font

In Text Citations

So the teacher knows which source belongs to which quote, you should always include an in-text citation after the quote.

Example: She stated, "Students often had difficulty using APA style" (Jones, 1998, p. 199), but she did not offer an explanation as to why.

Long Quotes

Quotations longer than 40 words need to be set apart from the rest of the text. The quote should be in a new paragraph and set ½ inch from the rest of the text or what is comparable to one paragraph indent. Double spacing still applies. When the quote is complete, put the in-text citation after it the way you would do for any other quote and start a new paragraph with regular margins.

Reference Page

- This is a separate page at the end of your paper.
- Each citation in the text must be listed back here and likewise, each listing on this page must be quoted in the text.
- The title of the page should be centered and labeled References without bolding, underlining, or any other additions.
- All text is double-spaced, just like the rest of the paper.
- Each separate citation should be hanging. In the examples given, this is shown. To do this, go to the paragraph section under the home tab in Word. Click the arrow in the bottom right hand corner. This opens a box: under "special", click on "hanging". This creates the hanging format.

Examples:

Book:

Basic format-

Author, A. A. (Year of publication). *Title of work: Capital letter also for subtitle*. Location: Publisher.

Example:

Calfee, R. C., & Valencia, R. R. (1991). *APA guide to preparing manuscripts for journal publication*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Magazine/Journal

Basic Format-

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume number(issue number), pages.

Example-

Harlow, H. F. (1983). Fundamentals for preparing psychology journal articles. *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology*, 55, 893-896.

Website:

Basic Format-

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of document. Retrieved from <http://Web address>

Example-

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). General format. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Motion Picture:

Basic Format-

Producer, P. P. (Producer), & Director, D. D. (Director). (Date of publication). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio or distributor.

Example-

Smith, J. D. (Producer), & Smithee, A. F. (Director). (2001). *Really big disaster movie* [Motion picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures.

Interview

You should not include any personal communication in the reference list. Rather, include the person you talked to and "personal communication" as well as the date in the main text of the essay only.

Basic Format-

(E. Robbins, personal communication, January 4, 2001).

Example-

A. P. Smith also claimed that many of her students had difficulties with APA style (personal communication, November 3, 2002).