



APA Style Documentation

Who uses APA style documentation?

Writers and researchers in the behavioural and social sciences and business.

What is the recommended method to cite sources?

APA recommends using in-text citations as opposed to footnotes or endnotes.

How are in-text citations done?

Following the cited information, include the author's surname, the year of publication, and the page number in parentheses. Remember to use commas and an abbreviation of the word 'page' (p.).

- "Thirty percent of children studied liked the colour red" (Cole, 2001, p. 16).

If the author and publication date have been stated immediately before the citation, then only the page number needs to be in parentheses.

- According to Cole (2001), "Thirty percent of children studied liked the colour red" (p. 16).

How is the bibliography done?

In APA style, this section is called "References." The Reference page is found at the end of the document. It is a list of all the sources used and appears in alphabetical order according to author's last name. All author's names are inverted and initials are used instead of first names.

Do not indent the first line of entries but indent any additional lines. If a source does not have an author, list it alphabetically by the title of the work or material.

Books:

Hunter, G. (2001). *English essentials*. Oakville: Sheridan Press.

Journal articles:

Bali, N. (2001). Fighting for the gold. *Canadian Journal of Sports Medicine*, 142, 20-29.

Magazine articles:

O'Neill, D. (2001, October). Blades of steel. *Hockey Weekly*, pp. 12-18.

Electronic sources (websites):

Crawford, G. (2000). *APA style changes*. Retrieved March 1, 2001, from <http://www.apa.org/changes.html>

Electronic references without an author or date

Birds of Prey (n.d.). Retrieved August 8, 2000, from <http://www.wildlife.com>

Visit <http://www.apastyle.org/eleceref.html> for more information.