

APA: References

Spacing

A references page should be double-spaced, formatted with a hanging indent, and alphabetized.

Special things to note with your references

- All authors' names are inverted (last name first); give the last name and initials for all authors of a particular work for up to and including seven authors.
- If the work has more than seven authors, list the first six authors and then use ellipses after the sixth author's name. After the ellipses, list the last author's name of the work.
- When available, you should include the <u>DOI</u> (digital object identifier) for electronic sources in the reference entry. The DOI number is placed at the end of the entry without ending punctuation (see below examples).
 When a DOI is not available, use the URL to the source's home page.
- Library databases often provide citations, but database citations are often incorrect. Compare those citations with those in this style guide and make corrections where needed.

What to include on a References page?

Every reference cited in your text must be reflected on your references page. The only exception to this rule is personal communications, like interviews, which need only be cited in text. Also, every item on the references page must correspond to an in-text citation somewhere in your work. Do not include works that you do not cite in your paper.

Examples with detailed formatting

Webpage with no author

Formatting:

Title of webpage. (Date of publication). Title of website. Retrieved from URL of webpage

Example:

Teen depression. (2017, 17 August). Mayo Clinic. Retrieved from https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/teen-

depression/symptoms-causes/syc-20350985

Journal article from a library database with a DOI

Formatting:

Author, A.A., Author, B.B., Author, C.C., & Author, D.D. (Publication Date). Article title. Journal title, volume, pages. doi

Example:

Bliuc, A. M., McGarty, C., Thomas, E., & Misajon, R. (2015). Public division about climate change rooted in conflicting

socio-political identities. Nature Climate Change, 5, 226-229. doi:10.1038/nclimate2507



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Citation Examples

❖ Journal article from a library database with no DOI (instead use URL to journal homepage)
Warren, E. (2017). Evidence-based practice in type 2 diabetes. *Practice Nurse*, 47(10), 22-26. Retrieved from

http://www.practicenurse.co.uk/

Journal article found online with a DOI (example with more than seven authors)

Kalra, S., Zargar, A. H., Jain, S. M., Sethi, B., Chowdhury, S., Singh, A. K., ... Malve, H. (2016). Diabetes insipidus: The other

diabetes. Indian Journal of Endocrinology and Metabolism, 20(1), 9-21. doi:10.4103/2230-8210.172273

Online document/report from a government website (include document number, if given)

United States Environmental Protection Agency. (2016). Climate change indicators in the United States, 2016: Fact Sheet

(EPA 430-F-16-071). Retrieved from https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-11/documents/climate-

indicators-2016-fact-sheet.pdf

Book/ebook (for ebook, simply add retrieval as shown)

Dow, K., & Downing, T. E. (2011). The atlas of climate change: Mapping the world's greatest challenge. Berkeley:

University of California. Retrieved from http://www.ebrary.com

Book with editor [multiple editors follow the same form as authors]

Haerens, M. (ed.). (2006). Illegal immigration. Detroit: Greenhaven.

Edition of a book

Ash, M. E., Fuller, R. S., & Compt, R. D. (2000). Child development (5th ed.). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Newspaper article from a library database

Spotts, P. (2014, May 6). No region of US untouched by climate change, but effects vary, report finds. The Christian

Science Monitor, p.13. Retrieved from http://www.csmonitor.com

Encyclopedia article from a database

Murguía, D. I. (2011). Climate change. In K. A. Brosnan (Ed.), Encyclopedia of American environmental history (Vol. 1, pp.

288-290). New York: Facts on File. Retrieved from http://www.infobasepublishing.com

Youtube video

Edufactory2009. (2007, 31 March). Stanley Aronowitz interview part 1 [video file]. Retrieved from

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koqfxZPHjCU&feature=related



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