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APA In-Text Citations

In addition to having a works cited or reference page, you must also cite the author in text, following the quotation or paraphrased statement.

Electronic In-text Citations

Website with One Author:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2009).

-Or-

Smith (2009) states that "this is an example sentence."

Website with Two Authors:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith & Williams, 2009).

-Or-

According to Smith, Jones, and Williams (2009)

Website with Three to Six Authors:

When there are three to six authors for a work, list all names in the first citation and use only the first surname and et al. in place of the subsequent authors.

-First-

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, Jones, & Williams, 2009).

-Then-

"This is an example sentence" (Smith et al.).

Website with No Author; Use First Two Words of Title:

"This is an example sentence" ("Webpage Name," 2009).

Website with a Group Author:

"This is an example sentence" (The Organization Group).

Direct Quotation:

For a direct quotation, give the page number or numbers with the parenthetical information.

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2009, pp. 1027-1028).

If page numbers are not provided, but the paragraphs are clearly defined, use paragraph numbers instead

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2009, para. 16).

You may also number the paragraphs by section

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2009, Discussion section, para. 3).

Print In-text Citations

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Work with One Author:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2009, pp. 154-155).

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Smith (2009) states that "this is an example sentence.

Work with Two Authors:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith & Williams, 2009, p. 5).

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Work with No Author:

It is generally acceptable to use the first two words of title when there is no author information provided for the work you are citing:

"This is an example sentence" ("Article name," 2009).

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