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## APA-7 In-Text Citations

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In addition to having a works cited or reference page, you must also cite the author in text, following the quotation or paraphrased statement. If you are quoting directly from the text, be sure to include the page number or numbers that the quote was taken from. Please refer to page 177 of the APA Publication Manual (6th ed.) for further examples on in-text citations.

### Print In-text Citations

#### **Work with One Author (APA 317):**

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

-Or-

Smith (2009) states that "this is an example sentence" (pp. 154-155).

#### **Work with Two Authors (APA 317):**

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

-Or-

According to Smith and Williams (2009), "this is an example sentence."

#### **Work with more than Two Authors (APA 317):**

*When there are three or more authors for a work, only the first surname and et al. in place of the subsequent authors.*

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

-Or-

According to Smith et al. (2009), "this is an example sentence."

#### **Work with a Corporate Author (APA 324):**

"This is an example sentence" (The Organization Group, 2009, pp.3-4).

#### **Work with No Author (APA 316):**

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

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

## Electronic In-text Citations

### **Website with One Author (APA 351):**

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

-Or-

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

### **Website with Two Authors (APA 351; BH 682):**

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

-Or-

According to Smith and Williams (2009), "This is an example sentence."

### **Website with more than Two Authors (APA 351; BH 683):**

*When there are three to 21 authors for a work, list only the first surname and et al. in place of the subsequent authors.*

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

### **Website with a Corporate Author (APA 351):**

"This is an example sentence" (The Organization Group, 2009).

### **Website with No Author (APA 351):**

*Use the first two words of the webpage or article title when there is no author information:*

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

### **Direct Quotation (APA 351):**

*For a direct quotation, give the page number or numbers with the parenthetical information. If page numbers are not used, paragraph and/or section numbers can be substituted.*

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

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

## Block Quote

The block quote is used to set off a long portion of text from the rest of your document. In the 7<sup>th</sup> edition APA manual, the following requirements are necessary:

If a quotation contains 40 words or more, treat it as a block quotation. Do not use quotation marks to enclose a block quotation. Start a block quotation on a new line and indent the whole block 0.5 in. from the left margin. If there are additional paragraphs within the quotation, indent the first line of each subsequent paragraph an additional 0.5 in. Double-space the entire block quotation. (American Psychological Association, 2020)

Continue with your paragraph when done, and do not end a paragraph on a block quote.