

APA IN-TEXT REFERENCE CITATION GUIDE



In-text citations identify resources used in your research paper. Items in the reference list refer to the material cited in the text. Use the examples below for the form of your in-text citations.

Examples of works by one author:

In parentheses, insert the last name of the author and date of publication.

Contact must be made with bone before depositing anesthetic (Malamed, 2004).

If the author's name is used in a sentence, place the year of publication in parentheses following the author's name.

Jones (2005) disagrees with the majority of practitioners.

Examples of works by two authors:

Cite both names each time the source is referenced. Place an ampersand (&) between the names.

Convincing arguments exist in both camps (Fin & Wu, 2003).

If the authors' names appear in the text, use "and" to join the names.

Fin and Wu (2003) state that convincing arguments exist on both sides of the issue.

Examples of works by three, four or five authors:

List all authors in the first reference.

There is a strong correlation between long term foster care and the manifestation of personality disorders (Bernstein, Delothe, Shames & Rosen, 2004).

For the second and subsequent references, include only the last name of the first author followed by "et al" (Latin for "and others") plus the year of publication.

Aggressive intervention has been shown to have an ameliorative impact on the severity of the disorder (Bernstein et al., 2004).

If the authors' names are used in a sentence, use the word "and" to join the last two names the first time the work is cited.

Bernstein, Delothe, Shames and Rosen (2004) state that there is a strong correlation between long-term foster care and the development of personality disorders.

For the second and subsequent references, use only the last name of the first author followed by "et al".

Bernstein et al. (2004) identify aggressive intervention as an action that decreases the severity of the disorder.

Examples of works by six or more authors:

Include only the first author's last name followed by "et al" and the year of publication for the first and all subsequent references.

Accelerating changes in the healthcare sector require that leaders in the field be shrewd and nimble (Farley et al., 2005).

Examples of works by associations, corporations, government agencies, etc.

Names of group authors are written out each time they are cited. However, the second and subsequent references may be abbreviated if the name of the group author is long and if the abbreviation is readily understandable.

First in-text citation:

(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2005)

Second and subsequent in-text citations:

(NIMH, 2005)

Examples of Quotations:

Include author(s), publication date and page number. Quotations of 40 words or more are blocked, i.e., each line of the quote is indented.

"Male nurses were invariably assigned to psych wards" (Post, 2005, p. 368).

Example of electronic source (web page) with no page numbers:

Include author(s), publication date and paragraph number.

Legislation pertaining to safety issues for nurses is appearing on legislative dockets throughout the country (Myers, 2004, para. 5).

Personal communications, oral interviews, memos, letters, conversations, e-mail, etc.

Personal communications are not listed in the reference list because they are not published. Reference to these materials appears only in the text. Include the name, type of communication, and date.

T. K. Lucas (personal interview, June 8, 2005) also recalled the details of the occurrence.