APA: In-Text Citations

## Citing sources in-text:

“In-text” refers to the system of citing sources listed on your references page within the text of your paper. Proper APA citations require the author’s last name and the date of the publication. In some cases, additional information like page numbers are required.

APA provides two options for citing references (See section 8.11 of the *Publication Manual* for details):

1. **Narrative citations** integrate the authors(s) name within the sentence followed by the year of publication:

Merry (2006) notes that translators are both valuable and vulnerable. **(See the citation for this source in the Print Journal section below)**

1. **Parenthetical citations** combine the author(s) name and publication year in parentheses. This citation is placed directly after the information that was acquired from the source:

Translators are both valuable and vulnerable (Merry, 2006).

For direct quotes, surround the content in quotation marks and add the page number to the citation:

Others point out that “human rights ideas and practices developed in one locality are being adopted or imposed transnationally” (Merry, 2006, p. 38).

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## Common examples:

**Print journal:**

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| **Citation on reference list\*** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| Merry, S. E. (2006). Transnational human rights and local activism: Mapping the middle. *American Anthropologist,* *108*(1), 38-51. https://doi.org/10.1525/aa.2006.108.1.38 | (Merry, 2006)  or  “Merry (2006) found…” |

**\*Citations on your references page need to be double-spaced; they are single-spaced here due to space limitations.**

**Work by one author:**

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| **Citation on reference list** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| Fry, J. A. (2006). ***Debating Vietnam: Fulbright, Stennis, and their Senate hearings*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.** | **“Fry (2006) describes…”**  **or**  **(Fry, 2006)** |

**Work by two authors:**

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| **Citation on reference list** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| Morrison, T., & Conaway, W. A. (2007). *Kiss, bow, or shake hands: Europe: How to do business in 25 European countries*. Adams Media. | “Morrison and Conaway (2007) show…”  or  (Morrison & Conway, 2007) |

**Work by three or more authors:**

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| **Citation on reference list** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| Sisodia, R. S., Wolfe, D., & Sheth, J. N. (2007). *Firms of endearment: H ow world-class companies profit from passion and purpose*. Wharton School. | List only the first author and use “et al.” for the remaining authors:  (Sisodia et al., 2007)  or  “Sisodia et al. (2007) conclude that…” |

**Note: Be sure to use an ampersand (&) when citing two or more authors.**

**Magazine article with no author given:**

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| **Citation on reference list** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| Inside track. (2007, July 7). *Billboard*. *119*(27), 93-94. | Include the article title if it is short (or an abbreviation if it is longer):  (“Inside Track,” 2007) |

**Work by a corporate author:**

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| **Citation on reference list** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. (2004). *The 9/11 commission report: Final report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States*. National Commission on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States. | (National Commision on Terrorist Attacks upon the United States, 2004) |

**Company website:**

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| **Citation on reference list** | **Citing the reference in text** |
| Exxon Mobil. (2007, July 26). *Investing in America's energy future* . Retrieved August 21, 2007, from http://www.exxonmobil.com/corporate/. | (Exxon Mobil, 2007) |

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