

Basics of APA Style

Citing references in text

APA Style uses the author-date citation system. This system allows readers to find the sources cited in text in the reference list, where each source is listed alphabetically. To insert a citation in text, include the author's surname and the date(year) of publication.

Here are some examples of how to use the author-date in text citation system.

Type of citation	First citation in text	Subsequent citations in text
One work by one author	(St Denis, 2013)	(St Denis 2013)
One work by two authors	(Mainville & St Denis, 2013)	(Mainville & St Denis, 2013)
One work by three, four or five authors	(Mainville, Orr & St Denis, 2013)	(Mainville et al., 2013)
One work by six or more authors	(Mainville et al., 2013)	(Mainville et al., 2013)

Reference list

The reference list comes at the **end of your paper/presentation, on a separate page/slide**, entitled **Reference List**. Put the list in **alphabetical order by author**, and use a hanging indent to format all entries (as shown).

This list shows you how to format various kinds of reference list entries. Titles of books and periodicals should always be in **italics**; articles should be in regular type without quotation marks. List authors by "**Last name, First initials.**"

1) BOOK - ONE AUTHOR

**Author, A. (Date). Title (Edition). Place:
Publisher.**

Rosenthal, R. (1987). *Meta-analytic procedures for social research* (Rev. ed.). Newbury Park, CA:Sage.

2) BOOK - TWO OR MORE AUTHORS

List up to six authors, then add "et al." if there are more:

DeMarcos, D. J., Alexander, T. G., Turner, W. G., & Zebrinsky, R. T., et al. (1998). *Memory function in patients with Alzheimer's*. New York: Harbinger Press.

3) ONLINE DOCUMENT

**Author, A. A. (Date). Title of work. Retrieved Month day, year,
from source**

Stevenson, R. T. (2003). *Helping children help themselves*. Retrieved November 23, 2003, from <http://www.children.com/articles/>

If there's no author, start with the title (your in-text citation should use the first words from the title).

Depression drug causes legal furor. (2004, March 16). Retrieved March 24, 2004, from http://news.ninemsn.com.au/Health/story_35725.asp