

## APA 7 style references

Scientific works require that the author list the sources as references. Below we present the 7th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) referencing system.

In the text, we refer to the author's last name and the year of publication of the work, and in the case of literal quotations, we also indicate the exact page number.

The sources used are displayed in two places: in the text (in-text citation) and in the bibliography.

For in-text citations we write the author and year in parentheses (parenthetical citation) at the end of the paragraph / line of thought, e.g.: **(Claus, 2020)**. Another method is that we include the author in the text, e.g.: **the different surfaces were grouped by Claus (2020)...**

In the case of literal quotation, we put the text between quotation marks and use parenthetical citation; however, it must also include the exact page number from which the quotation comes, e.g.: **(Claus, 2020, p. 71.)** In the case of a quotation spanning several pages, we use the abbreviation pp., e.g.: **(Claus, 2020, pp. 102-106)**.

Neither the in-text citation nor the bibliography may include the academic degree of the author(s), e.g. Dr., Prof. or other name suffix, e.g. Jr., Sr.

In case of multiple authors:

- If there are two authors:
  - At the end of the paragraph, we include both and write an ‘&’ between them, e.g.: **(Grady & Moreno, 2019)**
  - Or include the authors in the text, e.g.: **... the five steps of lean startup were summarized by Vecsenyi and Petheő (2023)...**
- If there are three or more authors:
  - At the end of the paragraph: **(Grady et al., 2019)**
  - In text: **... Grady and colleagues (2023) wrote...**

We can also refer to works published by an organization, institution, etc., e.g.: **(KSH, 2005)**. Or if an article has no author, we use the title of the journal or website where the article was published, e.g.: **(Journal of Medicine, 2009)**.

If an author has published more than one work in a year, we need to be able to distinguish them. The method for this is to start by listing the letters of the alphabet after the name and year: **(Majoros, 1999a)**, then **(Majoros, 1999b)**, etc. This notation must of course appear exactly the same at the end, in the bibliography.

If we used more than one source to write a paragraph, more than one reference can be included in the same parentheses, separated from each other, for example: **(Grady, 2019; Moreno, 2009; Sparks, 2022)**.

Using the bibliography, the reader can trace the sources. The bibliography can be found towards the end of the paper and lists the referred works in alphabetical order by author(s). Different types of publications require different data to be indicated, but certain information, such as the author, year of publication and title, always has to be included.

The following is a detailed list of how to correctly prepare parenthetical and narrative citations as well as how to write the bibliography. This list contains each type of document, with examples.

### **When there is missing data**

No date: n.d. (for example: Smith, n.d.)

No author: if there is no author then use the title and date (e.g.: The Fundamentals of Business, 2025).

### **Printed books**

#### ***One author***

Parenthetical citation: (Buckley, 1992)

In the bibliography:

Author. (Year). *Title*. Publisher.

Buckley, A. (1992). *Multinational Finance*. Prentice Hall.

### ***Two authors***

Parenthetical citation: (Samuelson & Nordhaus, 2005)

In the bibliography:

Samuelson, P. A., & Nordhaus W. D. (2005). *Economics*. McGraw-Hill.

### ***Three or more authors***

Parenthetical citation: (Hirshleifer et al., 2007)

In the bibliography:

Hirshleifer, J., Glazer, A., & Hirshleifer, D. (2007). *Price Theory and Applications*. Cambridge University Press.

### **E-book**

Parenthetical citation: (Fekete, 2023)

In the bibliography:

Author. (Year). *Title*. Publisher. URL

Fekete, I. (2023). *Technology in English teaching*. Akadémiai Kiadó.  
<https://doi.org/10.1556/9789634548706>

### **Articles from journals and magazines**

Parenthetical citation: (Pope & Wall, 2025)

In the bibliography:

Author. (Year). Title. *Full title of journal, volume number*(issue/part number), page number.

Pope, J. P., & Wall, H. (2025). Is the goal intrinsic or extrinsic? Examining self-determination theory researchers' and the general publics' perceptions of exercise goals. *Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science/Revue canadienne des sciences du comportement*, 57(3), 239–248.

## **Online article**

Parenthetical citation: (Grady et al., 2019)

In the bibliography:

Author. (Year). Title. *Full title of journal, volume number*(issue/part number), page number. DOI number or URL

Grady, J. S., Her, M., Moreno, G., Perez, C., & Yelinek, J. (2019). Emotions in storybooks: A comparison of storybooks that represent ethnic and racial groups in the United States. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture, 8*(3), 207–217. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ppm0000185>

## **Book chapters**

Parenthetical citation: (Dillard, 2020)

In the bibliography:

Author of the chapter. (Year). Title of the chapter. In editor(s) name (Ed. Or Eds.), *Title of the book* (page number). Publisher.

Dillard, J. P. (2020). Currents in the study of persuasion. In Oliver, M. B., Raney, A. A., & Bryant, J. (Eds.), *Media effects: Advances in theory and research* (4th ed., pp. 115–129). Routledge.

## **Online book chapter**

Parenthetical citation: (Gósy, 2021)

In the bibliography:

Author of the chapter. (Year). Title of the chapter. In editor(s) name (Ed. Or Eds.), *Title of the book* (page number if there is). Publisher. URL

Gósy, M. (2021). Filled pauses and fillers in children's and adults' spontaneous speech. In Bóna, J. (Ed.), *(Dis)fluencies in children's speech*. Akadémiai Kiadó. <https://doi.org/10.1556/9789634547099.3>

## **Dissertations and theses**

Parenthetical citation: (Zambrano-Vazquez, 2016)

In the bibliography:

Author. (Year). *Title* [Doctoral dissertation, University]. Site where the dissertation is available, name of the repository. URL

Zambrano-Vazquez, L. (2016). *The interaction of state and trait worry on response monitoring in those with worry and obsessive-compulsive symptoms* [Doctoral dissertation, University of Arizona]. UA Campus Repository. <https://repository.arizona.edu/handle/10150/620615>

## **Webpages**

When the webpage has individual author(s), the reference should include them. The date of the website should be displayed in the bibliography as accurately as possible (year, month, date – if we know it!).

In the case that there is no author and/or date, it's worth looking through the website from beginning to end, because often the author's name is displayed towards the end of the article (like a signature). The same applies for the date. At the bottom of a webpage there can be a copyright symbol (©) with a year. You may use that year as a reference.

In the bibliography:

Author or name of the website. (Publication date, year, month, day – if indicated). *Title*. Name of the website (author if there's one). URL

- *If there's an author:*

Parenthetical citation: (Toner, 2020)

In the bibliography:

Toner, K. (2020, September 24). *When Covid-19 hit, he turned his newspaper route into a lifeline for senior citizens.* CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/04/us/coronavirus-newspaper-deliveryman-groceries-senior-citizens-cnnheroes-trnd/index.html>

Parenthetical citation: (Martin, 2025)

In the bibliography:

Martin, L. (2025, October 8). *Many paths to jobs: New World Bank Group Scorecard insights*. World Bank Blogs. [https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/voices/new-world-bank-group-scorecard-insights?intcid=ecr\\_hp\\_sidekick3\\_en\\_ext](https://blogs.worldbank.org/en/voices/new-world-bank-group-scorecard-insights?intcid=ecr_hp_sidekick3_en_ext)

- *No author:*

Parenthetical citation: (National Institute of Mental Health, 2018)

In the bibliography:

National Institute of Mental Health. (2018, July). *Anxiety disorders*. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/anxiety-disorders/index.shtml>

Parenthetical citation: (World Health Organization, 2018)

In the bibliography:

World Health Organization. (2018, May 24). *The top 10 causes of death*. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/the-top-10-causes-of-death>

In the case of a verbatim quote, we cannot provide an exact page number. In this case:

- We write the title of the chapter, or we combine it with the paragraph number (we count it manually), e.g.: (Chikán, 2020, *The Social Role of the Company*) or (Chikán, 2020, *The Social Role of the Company*, para. 3)
- We include the number of paragraphs (e.g.: para. 5)
- Citing from audiovisual works (e.g.: audio books, YouTube videos, TED Talks, TV shows) instead of using a page number, you use a timestamp, e.g.: (Online Marketings, 2022, 3:21)

## **Secondary reference**

If there is no primary source and we only read about it in a secondary source, then the in-text reference must include both sources. In the bibliography only the secondary source (the one you read the information in) must be displayed.

Parenthetical citation: Baines, 1834 as cited in Seaton & Bennet, 1996

or: Baines, 1834 referred by Seaton & Bennet, 1996

### In the bibliography:

Seaton, A.V. & Bennett, M.M. (1996). *The marketing of tourism products: concepts, issues and cases*. ITP.

### **Interview**

Interviews can't be retrieved, so they are not included in the bibliography and are only referenced in the text. The following information needs to be provided: the name of the interviewee, the exact date of recording, and the fact that this is in-person communication.

Verbatim citation: (Smith, J., in-person communication, 2024. March 24.)

### **Video**

Parenthetical citation: (TheFuturesAgency, 2020)

### In the bibliography:

TheFuturesAgency. (2020). *#Covid19 + Future of Business* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xxeATjtnX4>

### **Legislations and acts**

In the case of laws and acts we will need the title of the legal document, the year of publication and its availability.

Parenthetical citation: (Act CLXIV of 2005, 2005)

### In the bibliography:

Act CLXIV of 2005 on trade. (2005). [https://njt.hu/translated/doc/J2005T0164P\\_20180101\\_FIN.pdf](https://njt.hu/translated/doc/J2005T0164P_20180101_FIN.pdf)

### **More about APA references and further examples on the official website:**

<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples>

