APA Style – 6th Edition

The new and expanded coverage offered in the 6th Edition includes:
- Detailed information on in-text citation styles and references.
- Comprehensive explanation of electronic sources, focusing on using the digital object identifier (DOI) to help locate information.
- More reference examples, emphasizing the electronic formats now available.


When to cite a source:

1. When you use the exact words of an author in your paper.
2. When you paraphrase another author, includes summarizing a passage or rearranging the order of a sentence, even if you change some words.
3. When you use a specific idea or concept introduced by an author. (When an author models a study after one done by someone else, the original author should be given credit.)
4. When you use facts or figures that are not common knowledge.


Why use citations in a research paper?

1. To demonstrate that you consulted accurate and scholarly materials to support your research.
2. To provide an easy way for readers of your work to obtain the sources that you used.

Elements of citations and examples:

APA Style uses the author-date citation system, placing the author’s last name and the date, separated by a comma, in parentheses. Direct quotations, require page or paragraph numbers.

Examples: (Tancredy & Fraley, 2006)
           (Tancredy & Fraley, 2006, p. 91)

References:

You must include an alphabetical list of references at the end of your paper. The citations provide an abbreviated form of the source, informing your readers where you are using another author’s ideas. These refer to the references, which offer the complete details for each source.
Examples:

**Periodicals (article from printed journal)**


**Periodicals (article from electronic aggregated database with the DOI)**


**Periodicals (article from electronic aggregated database without the DOI)**

- If the citation does not include a DOI and you retrieved the article online, include the home page URL for the database.


**Book – Print Version**


**Entry in an Online Reference Work**


**Entry from a Government Report, with a Corporate Author**


**Reference**


*Created by Jill Borin, Updated 9/2013*