In-Text Citation - APA Style Quick Guide

Quotation In-Text

Usually, a quotation begins with a few words that includes the author's last name, with the year of publication in parenthesis following. At the end of the quote, the page number will be found in parenthesis, followed by a period.

Example:
Bird (2014) writes how in many developing countries, “wealth now typically arises from new forms of interaction and exchange, characterized especially by modern business enterprises, rather than from extraction from given sources” (p. 635).

Paraphrase In-Text

Similar to citing for a quotation, a paraphrase citation can begin with a few words that includes the author's last name, with the year of publication in parenthesis following. At the end of the paraphrase, the page number will be found in parenthesis, followed by a period.

Example:
Luyt (2012) explains how multiple types of factors play a role in the gender representation in television advertising (p. 37).

Two Authors

When there are two authors, name both in your citation. Use “and” when you mention the authors in the writing. Use “&” when you have the authors' names in parenthesis.

Example:
Children might have a difficult time using language in everyday life even if they have passed standardized language tests (Guo & Schneider, 2016, p. 317).

Three- Five Authors

The first time you cite a source that has three to five authors, write out all of the authors' last names, using “and” before the final author.

Example:
In 2016, Cohen, Auslander, Dror, and Breuer discovered “one reason is that patients' critical medical conditions and dependency necessitates inpatient complex medical and nursing care” (p. 61).
Six or More Authors
Usually, a quotation begins with a few words that includes the author’s last name, with the year of publication in parenthesis following. At the end of the quote, the page number will be found in parenthesis, followed by a period.

Example:
Shapiro et al. (2016) explains that “due to its use in food preservation, a large amount of data exists on the metabolism of NaNO2 by humans as well as numerous other species” (p.4).

Organization as the Author
Use the organization’s name as the author in the citation. If the organization has a known abbreviation, place it in brackets in your first citation. All the following citations from that source will have the abbreviation.

Example:
“Contact tracing is the laborious job of finding all those who came into contact with an Ebola patient and checking them for symptoms every day for 21 days” (Center for Disease Control & Prevention [CDC], 2015, p. 4).

“Patients who survive Ebola must eventually leave the treatment center” (CDC, 2015, p. 24).

Numbers:
If a page number is not available, you can use paragraph numbers and headers to help readers locate it.

Example:
(Johnson, 2014, para. 7).

Author:
If there is no author, use the title in quotation marks in the citation.

Example:

Date:
If there is no date, use “n.d” in place of the date.

Example:
(Nagly, n.d., p. 3).