This chapter contains examples of references in APA Style. The examples are grouped into the following categories: periodicals; books, reference books, and book chapters; technical and research reports; meetings and symposia; doctoral dissertations and master’s theses; reviews and peer commentary; audiovisual media; data sets, software, measurement instruments, and apparatus; unpublished and informally published works; archival documents and collections; and retrievable personal communications. In most categories, references to electronic or downloadable versions of each source type are integrated among references to print or other fixed media versions.

The most common kinds of references are illustrated here. Occasionally, however, you may need to use a reference for a source for which this chapter does not provide specific guidance. In such a case, choose the example that is most like your source and follow that format. Additional reference examples may be found on the APA Style website (www.apastyle.org). When in doubt, provide more information rather than less. Because one purpose of listing references is to enable readers to retrieve and use the sources, most entries contain the following elements: author, year of publication, title, and publishing or retrieval data—all the information necessary for unique identification and library search.

Following is an index to the reference examples that lists types of work referenced and variations of each reference element. The numbers after each index entry refer to the numbered reference examples. Appendix 7.1 at the end of this chapter includes templates and example references to legal materials.

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Examples by Type

7.01 Periodicals

Periodicals include items published on a regular basis such as journals, magazines, newspapers, and newsletters.

General reference form:


- Include the digital object identifier (DOI) in the reference if one is assigned (see section 6.31).
- If no DOI is assigned to the content and you retrieved it online, include the home page URL for the journal, newsletter, or magazine in the reference. Use this format:
  Retrieved from http://www.xxxxxxxx
- If each issue of a journal begins on page 1, give the issue number in parentheses immediately after the volume number.
- If you are citing an advance release version of the article, insert Advance online publication before the retrieval statement.
- Some journals offer supplemental material that is available only online. To reference this supplemental material, or any other nonroutine information that is important for identification and retrieval, include a description of the content in brackets following the title: [Letter to the editor], [Map], [Audio podcast].

1. Journal article with DOI


2. Journal article with DOI, more than seven authors

- Use the following in-text citation: (Gilbert et al., 2004).
- When a reference has up to seven authors, spell out all authors’ names in the reference list.

3. Journal article without DOI (when DOI is not available)


- Include the issue number if the journal is paginated by issue.
- If there is no DOI assigned and the reference was retrieved online, give the URL of the journal home page.
- No retrieval date is needed.

4. Journal article without DOI, title translated into English, print version


- If the original version of a non-English article is used as the source, cite the original version. Give the original title and, in brackets, the English translation.
- If the English translation of a non-English article is used as the source, cite the English title without brackets.

5. Journal article with DOI, advance online publication


- This journal publishes four print issues per year but also offers individual articles online as soon as they are finalized. The content is assigned a DOI before it is assigned a volume, issue, or page numbers.
- If there is no DOI assigned and you retrieved the article electronically, give the URL of the journal home page.
- Definitions of *advance online publication* vary among journal publishers. Generally, the term refers to peer-reviewed work, but the content may not be copyedited or formatted for final production.
- Update your references close to the publication date of your work, and refer to final versions of your sources, if possible.
6. In-press article posted in a preprint archive


- The exact URL is used because the article is informally published and not yet indexed on a journal website. Journal publishers that do not offer advance online publication may allow authors to post a version of their article online ahead of print in an outside repository, also called a preprint archive.

- Update your references close to the publication date of your work and refer to the final version of a work, if possible.

7. Magazine article


8. Online magazine article


9. Newsletter article, no author


- The exact URL is helpful here because specific newsletter articles are difficult to locate from the government agency home page.

- Alphabetize works with no author by the first significant word in the title (in this case, “Six”).

- In text, use a short title (or the full title if it is short) enclosed in quotation marks for the parenthetical citation: (“Six Sites Meet,” 2006).

10. Newspaper article


- Precede page numbers for newspaper articles with p. or pp.

- If an article appears on discontinuous pages, give all page numbers, and separate the numbers with a comma (e.g., pp. B1, B3, B5-B7).

11. Online newspaper article

■ Give the URL of the home page when the online version of the article is available by search to avoid nonworking URLs.

12. Special issue or section in a journal


■ To cite an entire issue or special section of a journal, give the editors of the issue and the title of the issue.

■ If the issue has no editors, move the issue title to the author position, before the year of publication, and end the title with a period. Alphabetize the reference entry by the first significant word in the title. In text, use a shortened title enclosed in quotation marks for the parenthetical citation: (“Capital Punishment,” 2004).

■ Provide the page range for special sections.

■ To reference an article within a special issue, simply follow the format shown in Examples 1-4.

13. Monograph as part of journal issue


■ For a monograph with an issue (or whole) number, include the issue number in parentheses followed by the serial number, for example, *58*(1, Serial No. 231).

■ For a monograph bound separately as a supplement to a journal, give the issue number and supplement or part number in parentheses after the volume number, for example, *80*(3, Pt. 2).

14. Editorial without signature


15. Online-only supplemental material in a periodical


■ The description of supplemental material or other nonroutine information (e.g., a letter to the editor, podcast, or map) is included in brackets to help the reader identify and retrieve the material.

■ If no author is indicated, move the title and bracketed description to the author position.

■ In text, use the following parenthetical citation (Marshall-Pescini & Whiten, 2008).
16. Abstract as original source


Although it is preferable to cite the full text of an article, abstracts can be used as sources and included in the reference list.

17. Abstract as secondary source


Although it is preferable to cite the full text of an article, abstracts can be used as sources and included in the reference list.

Database names and abstract identifier (if applicable) may be given for material of limited circulation.

7.02 Books, Reference Books, and Book Chapters

This category includes books and reference books such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, and discipline-specific reference books (e.g., Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; see example at www.apastyle.org). It also includes books that are published in electronic form only, reference works and public domain books available online, and out-of-print books that may be available only in online repositories. When DOIs are assigned, use them as noted in the examples that follow.

For an entire book, use the following reference formats:

Author, A. A. (1967). Title of work. Location: Publisher.


Editor, A. A. (Ed.). (1986). Title of work. Location: Publisher.

For a chapter in a book or entry in a reference book, use the following formats:


If there are no page numbers, the chapter or entry title is sufficient.

For an entry in a reference work with no byline, use the following formats:


When the author and publisher are the same, use the word Author as the name of the publisher.

Alphabetize books with no author or editor by the first significant word in the title. In the text citation, use a few words of the title, or the whole title if it is short, in place of an author name.

Place information about editions, volume numbers, and page numbers (such as revised edition, volume number, or chapter page range) in parentheses following the title, with the period after the parentheses: (Rev. ed.) or (Vol. xx, pp. xxx-xxx). As with periodicals, for any nonroutine information that is important for identification and retrieval, place a description of content in brackets following the title: [Brochure].

For major reference works with a large editorial board, you may list the name of the lead editor, followed by et al.

For books or chapters available only online, the electronic retrieval statement takes the place of publisher location and name (see Examples 19-22, 24).

18. Entire book, print version


19. Electronic version of print book


20. Electronic-only book


21. Electronic version of republished book

■ In text, use the following citation: (Freud, 1900/1953).

22. Limited-circulation book or monograph, from electronic database


■ Database information may be given for items of limited circulation.

23. Several volumes in a multivolume work


■ In text, use the following parenthetical citation: (Koch, 1959-1963).

24. Electronic version of book chapter in a volume in a series


■ If the content has been assigned a DOI, give the DOI in the reference. No URL or database name is needed.

■ In regularly published series with subtitles that change regularly, the series title is uppercase and the subtitle is lowercase, as in a book title.

25. Book chapter, print version


26. Book chapter, English translation, reprinted from another source


■ If the English translation of a non-English work is used as the source, cite the English translation. Give the English title without brackets, followed by the translator’s name in parentheses.

■ In text, use the following parenthetical citation: (Piaget, 1970/1988).

27. Reference book


- If a non-English reference work is used as the source, give the title in the original language and, in brackets, the English translation.

29. Entry in an online reference work


30. Entry in an online reference work, no author or editor


- If the online version refers to a print edition, include the edition number after the title.

7.03 Technical and Research Reports

Technical and research reports, like journal articles, usually cover original research but may or may not be peer reviewed. They are part of a body of literature sometimes referred to as gray literature, which “can serve a valuable supplementary role to formal publication, including additional resources, details, research methods and experimental techniques” (“Gray literature,” 2006). Format references to technical and research reports as you would a book.


- If the issuing organization assigned a number (e.g., report number, contract number, monograph number) to the report, give that number in parentheses immediately after the title.
- If you obtained a report from the U.S. Government Printing Office, list the publisher location and name as Washington, DC: Government Printing Office.
- For reports retrieved online, identify the publisher as part of the retrieval statement unless the publisher has been identified as the author: Retrieved from Agency name website: http://www.xxxxxxx

31. Corporate author, government report

32. Corporate author, task force report filed online


33. Authored report, from nongovernmental organization


34. Report from institutional archive


35. Issue brief


Use this form for issue briefs, working papers, and other corporate documents, with the appropriate document number for retrieval in parentheses.

7.04 Meetings and Symposia

Proceedings of meetings and symposia can be published in book or periodical form. To cite published proceedings from a book, use the same format as for a book or book chapter (see Example 39). To cite proceedings that are published regularly, use the same format as for a periodical (see Example 38). For contributions to symposia or for paper or poster presentations that have not been formally published, use the following templates.

**Symposium:**


**Paper presentation or poster session:**

Presenter, A. A. (Year, Month). *Title of paper or poster*. Paper or poster session presented at the meeting of Organization Name, Location.

For symposium contributions and paper or poster presentations that have not been formally published, give the month and year of the symposium or meeting in the reference.
36. Symposium contribution
Muellbauer, J. (2007, September). Housing, credit, and consumer expenditure. In S. C. Ludvigson (Chair), Housing and consumer behavior. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Jackson Hole, WY.

37. Conference paper abstract retrieved online

38. Proceedings published regularly online


7.05 Doctoral Dissertations and Master’s Theses
Doctoral dissertations and master’s theses can be retrieved from subscription databases, institutional archives, and personal websites. If the work is retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database (whose index and abstracting sources include Dissertation Abstracts International [DAI] and Master’s Theses International, both published by University Microforms International, and American Doctoral Dissertations, published by Association of Research Libraries) or another published source, include this information in the reference.

For a doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis available from a database service, use the following reference template:


For an unpublished dissertation or thesis, use the following template:


- Italicize the title of a doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis.
- Identify the work as a doctoral dissertation or master’s thesis in parentheses after the title.
If the paper is available through a database, give the accession or order number in parentheses at the end of the reference.

40. Master’s thesis, from a commercial database


41. Doctoral dissertation, from an institutional database


42. Doctoral dissertation, from the web


43. Doctoral dissertation, abstracted in DAI


44. Doctoral thesis, from a university outside the United States


7.06 Reviews and Peer Commentary

Reviews of books, motion pictures, and other information or entertainment products are published in a variety of venues, including periodicals, websites, and blogs. Some publications will print author responses to a reviewer’s criticism or multiple reviews of the same product.


If the review is untitled, use the material in brackets as the title; retain the brackets to indicate that the material is a description of form and content, not a title.

Identify the type of medium being reviewed in brackets (book, motion picture, television program, etc.).

If the reviewed item is a book, include the author names after the title of the book, separated by a comma.

If the reviewed item is a film, DVD, or other media, include the year of release after the title of the work, separated by a comma.
45. Review of a book


46. Review of a video


47. Review of a video game, no author


48. Peer commentary on an article


7.07 Audiovisual Media

Audiovisual media include motion pictures; audio or television broadcasts (including podcasts); and static objects such as maps, artwork, or photos.

For a motion picture, use the following format:


For a music recording, use the following format:

Writer, A. (Copyright year). Title of song [Recorded by B. B. Artist if different from writer]. On Title of album [Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.] Location: Label. (Date of recording if different from song copyright date)

■ List the primary contributors in the author position and use parentheses to identify their contribution.
■ For an episode from a television or radio series, use the same format as for a chapter in a book, but list the script writer and director in the author position and the producer in the editor position.

49. Video

50. Podcast

51. Single episode from a television series

52. Music recording

In text citations, include side and band or track numbers: “Shadow and the Frame” (lang, 2008, track 10).

53. Map retrieved online

7.08 Data Sets, Software, Measurement Instruments, and Apparatus
This category includes raw data and tools that aid persons in performing a task such as data analysis or measurement. Reference entries are not necessary for standard software and programming languages, such as Microsoft Word or Excel, Java, Adobe Photoshop, and even SAS and SPSS. In text, give the proper name of the software, along with the version number. Do provide reference entries for specialized software or computer programs with limited distribution.

Rightsholder, A. A. (Year). Title of program (Version number) [Description of form]. Location: Name of producer.

or


■ Do not italicize the names of software, programs, or languages.

■ Do italicize the title of a data set.

■ If an individual has proprietary rights to the software, name him or her as the author; otherwise, treat such references as unauthored works.

■ In parentheses immediately after the title, identify the version number, if any.

■ In brackets immediately after the title or version number, identify the source as a computer program, language, software, and so forth. Do not use a period between the title and the bracketed material.
Give the location and name of the organization that produced the work, if applicable, in the publisher position. If the program can be downloaded or ordered from the web, give this information in the publisher position.

For an apparatus patent, use the legal reference format (see Appendix 7.1).

54. Data set


55. Measurement instrument


56. Software


57. Apparatus


7.09 Unpublished and Informally Published Works

Unpublished work includes work that is in progress, has been submitted for publication, or has been completed but not submitted for publication. This category also includes work that has not been formally published but is available on a personal or institutional website, an electronic archive such as ERIC, or a preprint archive.

Author, A. A. (Year). Title of manuscript. Unpublished manuscript [or “Manuscript submitted for publication,” or “Manuscript in preparation”].

If the work is available on an electronic archive, give this information at the end.

Update your references frequently prior to publication of your work; refer to the final published version of sources when possible.

58. Unpublished manuscript with a university cited


59. Manuscript in progress or submitted for publication

■ Do not give the name of the journal or publisher to which the manuscript has been submitted.

■ Treat a manuscript accepted for publication but not yet published as an in-press reference (see Example 6).

■ Use the same format for a draft or work in progress, but substitute the words Manuscript in preparation for the final sentence. Use the year of the draft you read (not in preparation) in the text citation.

60. Unpublished raw data from study, untitled work


61. Informally published or self-archived work


This work was later published in a journal and would now be referenced as follows:


62. Informally published or self-archived work, from ERIC


7.10 Archival Documents and Collections

Archival sources include letters, unpublished manuscripts, limited-circulation brochures and pamphlets, in-house institutional and corporate documents, clippings, and other documents, as well as such nontext materials as photographs and apparatus, that are in the personal possession of an author, form part of an institutional collection, or are stored in an archive such as the Archives of the History of American Psychology at the University of Akron or the APA Archives.

Author, A. A. (Year, Month Day). Title of material. [Description of material]. Name of Collection (Call number, Box number, File name or number, etc.). Name of Repository, Location.

■ This general format may be modified for collections requiring more or less specific information to locate materials, for different types of collections, or for additional descriptive information (e.g., a translation of a letter). Authors may choose to list correspondence from their own personal collections, but correspondence from other private collections should be listed only with the permission of the collector.

■ As with any reference, the purpose is to direct the reader to the source, despite the fact that only a single copy of the document may be available and the reader may have some difficulty actually seeing a copy.
Include as much information as is needed to help locate the item with reasonable ease within the repository. For items from collections with detailed finding aids, the name of the collection may be sufficient; for items from collections without finding aids, more information (e.g., call number, box number, file name or number) may be necessary to help locate the item.

If several letters are cited from the same collection, list the collection as a reference and provide specific identifying information (author, recipient, and date) for each letter in the in-text citations.

Use square brackets to indicate information that does not appear on the document. Use question marks to indicate uncertainty regarding names and dates; use *ca.* (circa, not italicized) to indicate estimated dates (see Example 67).

For interviews and oral histories, list the interviewee as the author. Include the interviewer's name in the description.

If a publication of limited circulation is available in libraries, the reference may be formatted as usual for published material, without the archival source.

### 63. Letter from a repository


### 64. Letter from private collection


### 65. Collection of letters from an archive


**In-text citations of specific letters:**

(Allport, G. W., 1930-1967, Allport to E. G. Boring, March 1, 1939)

(Allport, G. W., 1930-1967, E. G. Boring to Allport, December 26, 1937)

Note that Examples 63 and 65 refer to archival materials that can be recovered and thus include full reference list details that allow the reader to find them. Private letters and correspondence that are not easily retrievable are considered personal communications and are cited only in text (see section 6.20).

### 66. Unpublished papers, lectures from an archive or personal collection

67. Archival/historical source for which the author and/or date is known or is reasonably certain but not stated on the document


68. Archival source with corporate author


69. Interview recorded and available in an archive


70. Transcription of a recorded interview, no recording available


71. Newspaper article, historical, in an archive or personal collection


72. Historical publication of limited circulation


73. Photographs


7.11 Internet Message Boards, Electronic Mailing Lists, and Other Online Communities

The Internet offers several options for people around the world to sponsor and join discussions devoted to particular subjects. These options include blogs, newsgroups, online forums and discussion groups, and electronic mailing lists. (The last are often referred to as listservs. However, LISTSERV is a trademarked name for a particular software program; electronic mailing list is the appropriate generic term.)

- If the author’s full name is available, list the last name first followed by initials. If only a screen name is available, use the screen name.
- Provide the exact date of the posting.
- Follow the date with the subject line of the message (also referred to as the “thread”); do not italicize it. Provide a description of the message in brackets after the title.
- Include the information “Retrieved from” followed by the URL where the message can be retrieved. Include the name of the list to which the message was posted, if this information is not part of the URL.
- Provide the address for the archived version of the message.

74. Message posted to a newsgroup, online forum, or discussion group

Rampersad, T. (2005, June 8). Re: Traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions [Online forum comment]. Retrieved from http://www.wipo.int/roller/comments/irisforum/Weblog/theme_eight_how_can_cultural#comments

75. Message posted to an electronic mailing list


76. Blogpost


- In the second example a screen name is used for the author name. The author has adopted a nickname, or screen name, to use when posting comments to the web log.

77. Video blog post