Recipes for APA References

These are the basic formats for the most commonly used APA references. No need to memorize this … unless you really want to! Instead, use it to double-check references that you have copy-and-pasted from other sources (e.g., from the reference section of a peer-reviewed journal or citation manager) or when an APA reference is not available and you need to create your own. (Note special cases highlighted in yellow.)

Printed Journal Articles


Examples (with and without DOI available):

Paginated by Volume
Continuous page numbers from one issue to the next within the same volume.


Paginated by Issue
Each issue begins with page 1.


On-line Scholarly Journal Articles
Same as printed journal, including issue number if available, plus DOI (preferred) or URL.


US Government Document


Example:


Federal Statute or Act

If statute does not have a name, the title number is the first element. The edition year of the United States Code (not the year that the statute was enacted) is the last element.

Name of the Statute, Title number Source § Section number(s) (Year).

Example:


Report From a Private Organization


Example:


Conference Proceedings

Example:


Dissertation


Example:


Electronic Books

Use this format if the book is not available in print form. If not available directly on-line or must be purchased, use “Available from” instead of “Retrieved from”. Include the type and version of e-book (e.g., “[Kindle DX version]”) as well as DOI, if available.

Examples:


Stoker, B. (1897). *Dracula* [Kindle DX version]. Available from Amazon.com
Chapter/Section of a Web Document or Online Book Chapter


Websites
List as much information as possible.


All Information


No Author


No Date

Non-routine Web Sources
Include format description in brackets to identify “non-routine” sources that are either not peer-reviewed or part of the typical reading experience, i.e., you would need to parse info from a data set or play a video.

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of document. [Document format]
Retrieved from http://Web address

Blog Post

Data Set
For raw data use "Retrieved from" + URL or use "Available from" for the page that houses data set on the site.


Podcasts
For all podcasts, provide as much information as possible. Possible identifiers include Producer, Director, etc.

Audio Podcast
Retrieved from http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.htm

Video Podcasts