

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

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Periodical*, volume number(issue number), pages. <https://doi.org/xx.xxx/yyyy>

Examples (with and without DOI available):

Paginated by Volume

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

Harlow, H. F. (1983). Fundamentals for preparing psychology journal articles. *Journal of Comparative and Physiological Psychology*, 55, 893-896. <https://doi.org/10.1037/h0043204>

Paginated by Issue

Each issue begins with page 1.

Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(3), 5-13.

On-line Scholarly Journal Articles

Same as printed journal, including issue number if available, plus DOI (preferred) or URL.

Wooldridge, M.B., & Shapka, J. (2012). Playing with technology: Mother-toddler interaction scores lower during play with electronic toys. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*, 33(5), 211-218. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.appdev.2012.05.005>

Bernstein, M. (2002). 10 tips on writing the living web. *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 149. Retrieved from <http://www.alistapart.com/articles/writeliving>

US Government Document

Government Entity. (Year). *Title of document*. (Publication No.). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Example:

National Institute of Mental Health. (1990). *Clinical training in serious mental illness* (DHHS Publication No. ADM 90-1679). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

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:

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §§ 2601–2654 (2006).

Report From a Private Organization

Organization. (Year). *Report title* (edition number.). City, State: Author.

Example:

American Psychiatric Association. (2000). *Practice guidelines for the treatment of patients with eating disorders* (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

Conference Proceedings

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Eds.). (Year). Proceedings from Conference Organizer: *Title of Conference*. Cite, State: Publisher.

Example:

Schnase, J. L., & Cunniss, E. L. (Eds.). (1995). Proceedings from CSCL '95: *The First International Conference on Computer Support for Collaborative Learning*. Mahwah, NJ: Erlbaum.

Dissertation

Author, A. (Year). *Title of dissertation* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from Name of database. (Accession or Order Number)

Example:

Biswas, S. (2008). *Dopamine D3 receptor: A neuroprotective treatment target in Parkinson's disease*. Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global. (AAT 3295214)

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:

De Huff, E. W. (n.d.). *Taytay's tales: Traditional Pueblo Indian tales*. Retrieved from <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/dehuff/taytay/taytay.html>

Davis, J. (n.d.). *Familiar birdsongs of the Northwest*. Available from <http://www.powells.com/cgi-bin/biblio?inkey=1-9780931686108-0>

Stoker, B. (1897). *Dracula* [Kindle DX version]. Available from Amazon.com

Chapter/Section of a Web Document or Online Book Chapter

Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (Date of publication). Title of article. In *Title of book or larger document* (chapter or section number). Retrieved from <http://www.someaddress.com/full/url/>

Engelshcall, R. S. (1997). Module mod_rewrite: URL rewriting engine. In *Apache HTTP Server version 1.3 documentation* (Apache modules). Retrieved from http://httpd.apache.org/docs/1.3/mod/mod_rewrite.html

Peckinpugh, J. (2003). Change in the nineties. In J. S. Bough and G. B. DuBois (Eds), *A century of growth in America*. Retrieved from GoldStar database.

Websites

List as much information as possible.

Website/Author, A. (date). Title of document. Retrieved from <http://URL>

All Information

Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). *General format*. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

No Author

All 33 Chile miners freed in flawless rescue. (2010, October 13). Retrieved from http://www.nbcnews.com/id/39625809/ns/world_news-americas/

No Date

The College of William & Mary. (n.d.). The William & Mary mission statement. Retrieved from <http://www.wm.edu/about/administration/provost/about/mission/>

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

Freakonomics. (2010, October 29). E-ZPass is a life-saver (literally). [Blog post]. Retrieved from

<http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/10/29/e-zpass-is-a-life-saver-literally/>

Data Set

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

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (2008). *Indiana income*

limits [Data file]. Retrieved from http://www.huduser.org/Datasets/IL/IL08/in_fy2008.pdf

Podcasts

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

Audio Podcast

Bell, T., & Phillips, T. (2008, May 6). A solar flare. *Science @ NASA Podcast* [Audio Podcast].

Retrieved from <http://science.nasa.gov/podcast.htm>

Video Podcasts

Scott, D. (Producer). (2007, January 5). The community college classroom [Episode 7]. *Adventures*

in Education [Video Podcast]. Retrieved from <http://www.adveeducation.com>