

Writing In-Text Citations in APA Style

1. Basic in-text citation

APA Style in-text citations include the author and date, either both inside parentheses or with the author name in running text and the date in parentheses. Here are two examples:

- After the intervention, children increased in the number of books read per week (Smith & Wexwood, 2010).
- Smith and Wexwood (2010) reported that after the intervention, children increased in the number of books read per week.

The “and” in Smith and Wexwood is written as an ampersand (&) inside parentheses and as the word *and* outside of parentheses, as shown in the examples above.

2. Direct quotation

Don't forget that when you cite a direct quotation you should include a page number.

- Jenkins (1995, p. 121) argues that “customers are individuals whose individual wants and needs can be ascertained and fulfilled”.

3. More than two authors

When a publication has more than two authors, only the surname of the first author is given, followed by et al. (et alia = and others)

- Owen et al. (2009) found that 45% of patients had home internet access.

4. Writer mentioned by another writer

When we report one writer mentioned by another writer, ‘cited in’ is used.

- Schools often give conflicting messages about the value of sport in the curriculum (Barrett 2001, cited in Adams 2008).

5. Multiple in-text citations

When multiple studies support what you have to say, you can include multiple citations inside the same set of parentheses. Within parentheses, alphabetize the studies and separate them by semicolons. Here's an example:

- Studies of reading in childhood have produced mixed results (Albright, Wayne, & Fortinbras, 2004; Gibson, 2011; Smith & Wexwood, 2010).

6. Dealing with missing information

What information do you have?	Solution	Position A	Position B
I have both author and date		Author surname(s)	year
Author is missing	Substitute the title for the author name	<i>Title of Book</i> or "Title of Article"	year
Date is missing	Use "n.d." for "no date"	Author surname(s)	n.d.
Author and date are both missing	Combine solutions for author and date being missing	<i>Title of Book</i> or "Title of Article"	n.d.

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