
Referencing

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What is referencing?

Referencing is a system used in the academic community to indicate where ideas, theories, quotes, facts and any other evidence and information used in any research paper, can be found.

The importance of referencing:

- ☐ To avoid plagiarism
- ☐ To give credit to the author
- ☐ To help others find the original source
- ☐ To demonstrate your knowledge
- ☐ To lend credibility to your work

What is a referencing Style?

- ž A **referencing style** is not a writing style, but an editorial style that many sciences have adopted to present written material in the field with regard to certain norms.
- ž **Editorial style** consists of publisher guidelines that ensure a clear and consistent presentation of written material.
- ž **Editorial style** includes the following:
 - ✓ punctuation and abbreviations
 - ✓ construction of tables
 - ✓ selection of headings

- ✓ citation of references
- ✓ presentation of statistics, and
- ✓ other elements that are a part of a manuscript

Choosing the right style of referencing

- ☐ Preferred referencing styles vary between universities or even courses.
- ☐ There is no better style than others.
- ☐ Ask your teacher or supervisor for the required institutional style, or that adopted for any special type of course.

APA documentation style

- ☐ APA style is the set of specific formatting conventions sanctioned by the American Psychological Association (6th edition, 2010).
- ☐ The American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines are the most commonly used among the social sciences, behavioral sciences, and education.
- ☐ In a classroom situation, the reader is usually the teacher, and part of a paper's grade is generally based on how well it follows the accepted style.
- ☐ Students must pay careful attention to the referencing style.

Two components of APA

- ž **APA** style is characterised by two major components for referencing sources:
 - In-text citations (parenthetical) within the main text
 - References page at the end of the paper

Five types of sources

1. Book

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

A- print

Shotton, M. A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency*. London, England: Taylor & Francis.

B-Electronic version of print book

Shotton, M. A. (1989). *Computer addiction? A study of computer dependency*. Retrieved from <http://www.ebookstore.tandf.co.uk/html/index.asp>

2. Journal article

Author, A. A., Author, B. B., & Author, C. C. (Year). Title of article. *Title of Journal*, xx(xx), xxx-xxx.

A- print

Light, M. A., & Light, I. H. (2008). The geographic expansion of Mexican immigration in the United States and its implications for local law enforcement. *Law Enforcement Executive Forum Journal*, 8(1), 73-82.

B- electronic

Sillick, T. J., & Schutte, N. S. (2006). Emotional intelligence and self-esteem mediate between perceived early parental love and adult happiness. *E-Journal of Applied Psychology*, 2(2), 38-48. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap>

3. Doctoral thesis or master's dissertation

ž Unpublished

Author, A. A. (1978). **Title of doctoral thesis or master's dissertation** (Unpublished doctoral thesis or master's dissertation). Name of Institution, Location.

ž Doctoral thesis outside the USA

Carlbohm, P. (2000). **Carbody and passengers in rail vehicle dynamics** (Doctoral thesis, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden). Retrieved from <http://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:kth:diva-3029>

4. Web page

A page from a website with author and date of publication:

ž Author, A. A. (year, month+ day). Title

of work. *Name of Website (all capitalised)*. Retrieved from [http:// www.xxxxxxx](http://www.xxxxxxx)

Cherry, K. (2013, April 19). How attitudes form, change and shape our behaviour. *Psychology*. Retrieved from <http://psychology.about.com/od/socialpsychology/a/attitudes.htm>.

Web page with no author

ž “Title of work”. (year, month+ day). *Name of Website (all capitalised)*. Retrieved from [http:// www.xxxxxxx](http://www.xxxxxxx)

“Alzheimer's and other dementias”. (2017, Mars 25). *About Memory*. Retrieved from <http://www.memory-key.com/dementia>

Web page with no author or date of publication:

ž “Title of work”. (n.d.). *Name of Website (all capitalised)*. Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxxxx>

“Census data revisited”. (n.d.). *Harvard University*. Retrieved from <http://harvard.edu/data/index.php>

5. YouTube

Personal author

Goyen, A. (Producer). (2014, February 22). Downtown Marquette dog sled races [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW3CNCGGgTY>

Organization as author

University of Chicago (Producer). (2007, December 12). European cartographers and the Ottoman world, 1500--1750 [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xax5d4IKqrQ>

Remember!

- ž The references should start on a new page.
- ž The title of the page should be “References”.
- ž If only one reference appears on the page, the title should be “Reference”.
- ž Center the title “References” at the top of the page, do not bold or underline it.
- ž References should be listed alphabetically (by the first listed author's last name) and double-spaced.
- ž Flush left the first line of the entry and indent subsequent lines (hanging indent = 1.27 cm or 0.5 inch)

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