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Book Citations

One Author / Edited / Chapter in Edited / No Author or Editor / Third Edition, Jr. in Name /
Revised Edition / Corporate Author, Fourth Edition, Author as Publisher /
English Translation /
Electronic / Several Volumes in Multi-Volume Edited

1. Book with One Author

Reference in the text

When paraphrasing the general idea, page numbers are not required.

... which offered a theoretical backdrop for a number of innovative behavior modification approaches
(Skinner, 1969).

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)


2. Edited Book (#25, p. 249)

Blackwell.

3. Chapter in An Edited Book (# 34, p. 252)

Reference in the text

... The elucidation of the potency of infant-mother relationships, showing how later adaptations echo
the quality of early interpersonal experiences (Harlow, 1958, chap. 8).

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)

on interdisciplinary research (pp. 239-252). Madison: University of Wisconsin Press.
4. Book, No Author or Editor (#26, p. 249)

Reference in the text

. . . the number of recent graduates from art schools in France has shown that this is a trend worldwide (Art Students International, 1988).

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)


Note for citing this particular title: In text, cite the name of the association and the name of the manual in full at the first mention in the text; thereafter, you may refer to the traditional DSM form (italicized), such as DSM-IV or DSM-IV-TR.


9. Electronic Book from netLibrary Database


Retrieved March 6, 2001, from netLibrary database.
10. Book, Several Volumes in a Multi-Volume Edited Work; Publication Dates Include More Than One Year. (#28, p. 250)

Reference in the text

... The cognitive development of the characters in Karlin's class illustrates the validity of this new method of testing (Wilson & Fraser, 1988-1990).

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Article Citations

Journal / Journal from Library Database / Journal, more than Six Authors / Magazine or Newspaper on Internet / Internet eJournal / Cited in Secondary Source / Newspaper / Test Review

11. Citation for a Journal Article (# 1, p. 240)

Reference in the text

When quoting an author's words exactly, indicate the page number:

Even some psychologists have expressed the fear that "psychology is in danger of losing its status as an independent body of knowledge" (Peele, 1981, p. 807).

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)


12. Journal Article from a Library Database (#88, p. 279)

13. Journal Article, More than Six Authors (#4, p. 240)

Reference in the text

. . . the nutritional value of figs is greatly enhanced by combining them with the others (Cates et al., 1991).

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)


14. Magazine or Newspaper Article on the Internet (not from a library database)


Note: If you have reason to believe the content of the article in the electronic source is different from the version in the print source, follow the example for an Article from An Internet-Only Journal.

15. Article from an Internet-only Journal (e-Journal) (#72, p. 272)


Reference in the text

Johnson's study (as cited in Beatty, 1982) illustrates that . . .

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17. Newspaper Article, No Author (#9, p. 242)


18. Test Review from Mental Measurements Yearbook Database


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ERIC Documents (# 43, p. 257)

Print or Microfiche / ERIC Database

19. ERIC Document from Print or Microfiche

Reference in the text

... assists in formulating strategies for translating IEP goals and objectives into classroom activities (Education Development Center, Inc., 1998).

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)


20. ERIC Document from ERIC database.

Theses & Dissertations


Web Pages

23. Web Page (not from a library database)

24. Web Site Published by an Organization (# 81, p.275)

25. Lesson Plan on the Web


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27. Videotape (#65, p. 266)


Note: According to http://apastyle.org (Changes to the 5th Edition) [Motion picture] now describes videos and movies.

28. Music Recording, Whole Tape, LP, or CD (#69, p. 267)


29. Music Recording, One Selection (#69, p. 267)


30. Artistic Work


31. Item Distributed Via Course Pack
For articles or book chapters reproduced in a course pack but originally published in a book, journal, or newspaper, APA recommends citing the original source, ignoring its distribution via course pack.

32. Interviews and other Personal Communications
The APA considers all personal communications, including interviews, as non-recoverable data, and therefore recommends that you not include these citations in your reference list. Instead, you should simply include an acknowledgement in the text of your paper, in the form of a parenthetical statement. Provide the initials as well as the surname of the person and as exact a date as possible.

(D. Johnson, personal communication, February 14, 2004)

D. Johnson (personal communication, February 14, 2004) provided an interesting description...

33. Class Lectures

Only include class lectures in your reference list if they are formal lectures that recur each year for which your professor likely has extensive notes. For more informal class discussions use the Personal Communication format above.


34. Quote from Another Source

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Reference in the text

Johnson's study (as cited in Beatty, 1982) illustrates that . . .

Reference at the end of the text (bibliography)
