



Academic Success Center
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

APA-7 In-Text Citations

In addition to having a works cited or reference page, you must also cite the author in-text., following the quotation or paraphrased statement. If you are quoting directly from the text, be sure to include the page number or numbers that the quote appeared on. Use the *author-date citation system* to cite references in the text in APA Style. In-text citations have two formats: parenthetical and narrative. In parenthetical citations, the author name and publication date appear in parentheses. In narrative citations, this information is incorporated into the text of the sentence.

Print Works

Work with one author:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2010, pp. 154-155).

OR: Smith (2010) states that "this is an example sentence" (pp. 154-155).

Work with two authors:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith & Williams, 2010, p. 5).

OR: According to Smith and Williams (2010), "this is an example sentence".

Work with three or more authors: When there are three or more authors for a work, only the first surname and et al. in place of the subsequent authors

"This is an example sentence" (Smith et al. 2010, p. 24).

Work with corporate authors:

"This is an example sentence" (The Organization Group, 2010, pp. 11-12).

Work with no author; use first few words of the title: It is generally acceptable to use the first few words of the title when there is no author provided for the work you are citing:

"This is an example sentence" ("Article Name," 2010, pp. 2-4)

Internet Works

Site with one author:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2010).

OR: Smith (2010) states that "this is an example sentence."

Site with two authors:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith & Williams, 2010).

OR: According to Smith and Williams (2010), "this is an example sentence".

Site with three or more authors: When there are three to 21 authors for a work, only the first surname and et al. in place of the subsequent authors:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith et al. 2010).

Site with a corporate authors: Use the first

"This is an example sentence" (The Organization Group, 2010,).

Site with no author; use first few words of the title: It is generally acceptable to use the first few words of the webpage or article title when there is no author information provided:

"This is an example sentence" ("Webpage Name," 2010).

Direct Quotation form a site with numbered pages OR paragraphs/sections: For a direct quotation, give the page number or numbers with the parenthetical information If page numbers are not used, paragraph and/or section numbers can be substituted:

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2010, pp. 125-128).

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, 2010, para. 12)

Please refer to page 266 in the APA Publication Manual 7th Edition for further examples of works credited in the text and basic in-text citation styles (APA, 2020, Table 8.1).

Block Quote

The block quote is used to set off a long portion of text from the rest of your document. In the 7th edition APA manual, the following requirements are necessary:

If a quotation contains 40 words or more, treat it as a block quotation. Do not use quotation marks to enclose a block quotation. Start a block quotation on a new line and indent the whole block 0.5 in. from the left margin. If there are additional paragraphs within the quotation, indent the first line of each subsequent paragraph an additional 0.5 in. Double-space the entire block quotation. (American Psychological Association, 2020)

Continue with your paragraph when done, and do not end a paragraph on a block quote.

Please refer to page 270 in the APA Publication Manual 7th Edition for further examples of a long paraphrase with a single in-text citation (APA, 2020, Table 8.4).