

APA Reference Guide

To reference a source correctly, you need to know what type it is (e.g. book, journal, photograph, web page article). The following patterns (from the 7th edition APA style guide) cover some common source types and show how each type should be expressed at the end of your paper under the heading “References.” For help with in-text citations, see the *Write Well* materials titled “PELA: Add References.” If the source type you need is not listed below, look for it on the APA website: www.apastyle.apa.org

How To Reference Sources With DOIs and URLs	
What does DOI mean?	DOI stands for “ <i>digital object identifier</i> ... a unique alphanumeric string that identifies content and provides a persistent link to its location on the internet” (APA, 2020, 9.34, p. 298).
What does URL mean?	URL stands for “ <i>uniform resource locator</i> ... [and] specifies the location of digital information on the internet” (APA, 2020, 9.34, p. 298).
How do I format DOIs and URLs?	<p>Follow these rules (APA, 2020, pp. 299–300):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start the address with http:// or https:// • Do not add the words “Retrieved from” or “Accessed from” before the hyperlink (see Dictionary entry on page 5 for an exception). • The hyperlink can be in “blue font, underlined or plain text that is not underlined.” • “Links should be live [in blue font, underlined] if the work is to be published or read online.” • “Do not add a [full stop] after the DOI or URL because it may interfere with link functionality.” • “Do not add line breaks manually to the hyperlink; it is acceptable if your word-processing program automatically adds a break or moves the hyperlink to its own line.”

Journal article with a DOI (10.1.1, p. 317)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). Name of article. <i>Title of journal in italics, # of journal in italics</i> , page numbers the whole article covers. https://doi + numbers with no full stop
Example
Herbst-Damm, K. L., & Kulik, J. A. (2005). Volunteer support, marital status, and the survival times of terminally ill patients. <i>Health Psychology</i> , 24, 225–229. https://doi.org/10.1037/0278-6133.24.2.225

Journal, magazine, or newspaper without a DOI, from most academic research databases or print version (10.1.3, p. 317)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). Name of article. <i>Title of journal, magazine, or newspaper in italics</i> , volume # of journal in italics(issue # of journal, not in italics), page numbers the article covers.
Examples
Jurewicz, J. (2015, September 1). Is Western Australia ready for driverless cars? <i>The Sunday Times</i> . https://www.perthnow.com.au/news/wa/is-western-australia-ready-for-driverless-cars-ngfa26c7716c)be8e2f0dbdf411c36f0cd/
Thomas-Tate, S., Daugherty, T. K., & Bartkoski, T. J. (2017). Experimental study of gender effects on language use in college students' email to faculty. <i>College Student Journal</i> , 51(2), 222–226.

Authored book with a DOI (10.2.20, p. 321)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). <i>Title of book in italics</i> (# edition if there is one.). Publisher. https://doi + numbers with no full stop
Example
Brown, L. S. (2018). <i>Feminist therapy</i> (2nd ed.). American Psychological Association. https://doi.org/10.1037/0000092-000

Authored book without a DOI, from most academic research databases or print version (10.2.21, p. 321) (Do not include the database name or URL.)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). <i>Title of book in italics</i> (# edition if there is one.). Publisher.
Example
Wood, J., Zeffane, R., Fromholtz, M., Wiesner, R., Morrison, R., Factor, A., & McKeown, T. (2016). <i>Organisational behaviour: Core concepts and applications</i> (4th ed.). John Wiley & Sons Australia, Ltd.

Authored ebook (e.g., Kindle book) or audiobook without a DOI, with a nondatabase URL (10.2.22, p. 321)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). <i>Title of book in italics</i> (Initial. Surname of narrator, Narr.). [Audiobook]. Publisher. URL
Example
Cain, S. (2012). <i>Quiet: The power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking</i> (K. Mazur, Narr.) [Audiobook]. Random House Audio. http://bit.ly/2GOBpbl

Dictionary, thesaurus, or encyclopedia (10.2.33, p. 324) “When an online reference work is continually updated and the versions are not archived, use ‘n.d.’ as the year of publication and include a retrieval date.”
Pattern
Name of author [sometimes publisher]. (Year of publication). <i>Title of book in italics</i> (# edition if there is one.). Retrieval date if needed [see comment in the line above], from URL
Example
Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). <i>Merriam-Webster.com dictionary</i> . Retrieved May 5, 2019, from https://www.merriam-webster.com/

Religious work (10.2.35, p. 325)
Pattern
<i>Title of work in italics</i> (# edition if there is one.). (Year of publication). Publisher. URL if needed (Original work published + year) with no full stop
Example
<i>King James Bible</i> . (2017). King James Bible Online. https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/ (Original work published 1769)

Chapter in an edited book with a DOI (10.3.38, p. 326)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). Name of the chapter. In Initial/s. Surname & Initial/s. Surname of editor/s (Ed. or Eds.), <i>Title of book in italics</i> (# edition if there is one., page numbers the whole chapter covers). Publisher. https://doi.org/ + numbers with no full stop
Example
Balsam, K. F., Martell, C. R., Jones, K. P., & Safren, S. A. (2019). Affirmative cognitive behavior therapy with sexual and gender minority people. In G. Y. Iwamasa & P. A. Hays (Eds.), <i>Culturally responsive cognitive behavior therapy: Practice and supervision</i> (2nd ed., pp. 287–314). American Psychological Association. https://doi.org/10.1037/0000119-012

Chapter in an edited book without a DOI, from most academic research databases or print version (10.3.39, p. 326)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). Name of the chapter. In Initial/s. Surname & Initial/s. Surname of editor/s (Ed. or Eds.), <i>Title of book in italics</i> (# edition if there is one., page numbers the whole chapter covers). Publisher.
Example
Tibbetts, G. R. (2009). Arab navigation in the archipelago. In T. Hellwig & E. Tagliacozzo (Eds.), <i>The Indonesia reader: History, culture, politics</i> (pp. 48–53). Duke University Press.

Work in an anthology (10.2.46, p. 328)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s of writer/poet. (Year of publication). Name of work. In Initial/s. Surname & Initial/s. Surname of editor/s (Ed. or Eds.), <i>Title of book in italics</i> (page numbers the prose/poem covers). Publisher. https://doi + numbers, if needed, with no full stop (Original work published + year) with no full stop
Example
Timbery, J. (2009). The boomerang racket. In N. Jose (Ed.), <i>Macquarie pen anthology of Australian literature</i> (pp. 577–578). Allen & Unwin. (Original work published 1968)

Report by a government agency or other organisation (10.2.50, p. 329)
Pattern
Name of organisation. (Year of publication). <i>Title of report in italics</i> . URL with no full stop
Example
Australian Government Productivity Commission & New Zealand Productivity Commission. (2012). <i>Strengthening trans-Tasman economic relations</i> . https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries/completed/australia-new-zealand

Conference session (10:5.60, p. 332)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication, month + dates). <i>Title of session in italics</i> . [Conference session]. Name of organiser/s, place of venue. URL if needed
Example
Burlinson, A., & Dench, A. (2022, May 12–13). <i>Student reflection on learning outcomes: How does this influence their learning experience?</i> [Conference session]. Practical Applied Research Conference (PARC22), Dublin Business School, Dublin, Ireland.

Mobile app (EasyBib, 2001–2022; 10:10.79, p. 340)
Pattern
Author's surname, first initial or rights holder. (Year of publication). <i>App title in italics</i> (Version #) [Mobile app]. Publisher/App Store. URL
Example
Thomson Reuters Corporation. (2017). Reuters (Version 3.2.1) [Mobile app]. App Store. https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/reuters/id602660809?mt=8

Film or video (10.12.84, p. 342)
Pattern
Surname, Initial. (Director). (Year of publication). <i>Title of work in italics</i> [Film or Video]. Name of producer.
Example
Jackson, P. (Director). (2001). <i>The lord of the rings: The fellowship of the ring</i> [Film; four-disc special extended ed. On 10/7/2023VD]. WingNut Films; The Saul Zaentz Company.

TED Talk (10.12.88, pp. 343–344)
“When the TED Talk comes from TED’s website, use the name of the speaker as the author. When the TED Talk is on YouTube, list the owner of the YouTube account as the author to aid in retrieval.”
Pattern
Surname, Initial. of speaker. (Year, month of publication). <i>Title of talk in italics</i> [Video]. Name of site. URL with no full stop
Example
Giertz, S. (2018, April). <i>Why you should make useless things</i> [Video]. TED Conferences. https://www.ted.com/talks/simone_giertz_why_you_should_make_useless_things

YouTube video or other streaming video (10.12.90, p. 344)
“The person or group who uploaded the video is credited as the author for retrievability, even if they did not create the work. Note the contributions of others who appear in the video in the text narrative if desired.”
Pattern
Surname, Initial. of person who uploaded the video. (Year, month + day of publication). <i>Title of video in italics</i> [Video]. Name of site. URL with no full stop
Example
Fogarty, M. [Grammar Girl]. (2016, September 30). <i>How to diagram a sentence (absolute basics)</i> [Video]. YouTube. https://youtu.be/deiEY5Yq1qI

Clip art, stock image, infographic, map, or photograph (10.14.98-101, pp. 346–347) “For an untitled photograph, include a description in square brackets in place of a title.”
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s., & Surname, Initial/s of author/s. (Year of publication). <i>Title of work in italics</i> [Clip art, Infographic, Map, or Photograph]. Name of publisher/organisation if different from author. URL with no full stop
Example
Parsons, Z. (2014). <i>These 9 maps reveal the differences in regional American dialects: What is your “general” term for the headwear of a baseball player?</i> [Map]. https://i.somethingawful.com/u/elpintogrande/14_june/dialect_maps/02_hat.jpg

PowerPoint slides or lecture notes (10.14.102, p. 347) “If the slides come from a classroom website, learning management system (e.g. Canvas, Blackboard), or company intranet and you are writing for an audience with access to that resource, provide the name of the site and its URL”
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s of author. (Year, month + day of publication). <i>Title of slides/lecture in italics</i> [PowerPoint slides or Lecture notes]. Name of organisation/department if different from author. URL with no full stop
Example
Dench, A. M. (2019, February 6). <i>Morphology: The words of language</i> [PowerPoint slides]. LN101: Seminar 2, Sheridan College Canvas Online. http://canvas.sheridan.edu.au/courses/179

Webpage on a website with an individual author (10.16.112, p. 351)
Pattern
Surname, Initial/s of author. (Year, month + day of publication). <i>Name of article in italics</i> . Name of organisation if different from author. URL with no full stop
Example
Martin Lillie, C. M. (2016, December 29). <i>Be kind to yourself: How self-compassion can improve your resiliency</i> . Mayo Clinic. https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/adult-health/in-depth/self-compassion-can-improve-your-resiliency/art-20267193

Personal communications: (8.9, p. 260)
“emails, text messages, online chats ..., telephone conversations, live speeches, unrecorded classroom lectures, memos, letters, ...”
Pattern
Information from the sources listed under personal communications “cannot be recovered by readers,” so include an in-text citation but not a reference list entry.
Example (in-text citation)
According to Wong, the latest APA style manual is now available (2019, December 15, personal communication).

Quotations from research participants (8.36, p. 278)
Pattern
“Because quotations from research participants are part of your original research, do not include them in the reference list or treat them as personal communications.”
Instead, treat them as either short or block (more than 40 words) direct quotes. “You may need to assign participants a pseudonym” to protect their identity.
Example (in-text citation)
One participant, a 20-year-old student at Sheridan Institute of Higher Education, said the Academic Writing module was “the most helpful class he’d taken in years!”

Quoting or reproducing text created by ChatGPT or other AI tools (McAdoo, 2023)
Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only use AI tools for Sheridan assessments if your lecturer has given you permission to do so. • Remember, sometimes an AI tool will fabricate (make up) information and references. Check every cited source to see if it really does exist. • “[D]escribe how you used [an AI] tool [by providing] the prompt you used and then any portion of the relevant text that was generated in response” (see next page). • “You may also put the full text of long responses from ChatGPT in an appendix of your paper or in online supplemental materials, so readers have access to the exact text that was generated” (see next page).

Example (in-text citation) (taken from McAdoo, 2023)
When prompted with “Is the left brain right brain divide real or a metaphor?” the ChatGPT-generated text [stated] that although the two brain hemispheres are somewhat speciali[s]ed, “the notation that people can be characterized as ‘left-brained’ or ‘right-brained’ is considered to be an oversimplification and a popular myth” (OpenAI, 2023).
Example (in-text citation) guiding the reader to an appendix (McAdoo, 2023)
When given a follow-up prompt of “What is a more accurate representation?” the ChatGPT-generated text [stated] that “different brain regions work together to support various cognitive processes” and “the functional specialization of different regions can change in response to experience and environmental factors” (OpenAI, 2023; see Appendix A for the full transcript.).
Pattern
Author of the model (e.g. OpenAI), date (i.e. “the year of the version you used”), title (i.e. “the name of the model”; e.g. ChatGPT), and source (if the publisher and author names are the same, do not repeat the publisher name – add the URL (where the model can be accessed)).
OpenAI. (2023). ChatGPT (Mar 14 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat

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McAdoo, T. (2023, April 7). *How to cite ChatGPT*. American Psychological Association (7th ed.). <https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>