APA 6th Edition Referencing Help Sheet

This quick guide gives basic examples of the most common referencing types.

Print book
Author surname(s), Initial(s). (Year). Book title (Edition, if not first edition). City/Town of publication, Country/State: Publisher.

Reference list

In-text citation
Giddens & Sutton (2013, p.27) state that…

E-book
Author surname(s), Initial(s). (Year). Book title (Edition, if not first edition). DOI if available, or URL

Reference list

If there is no DOI, then give the URL:


Journal or e-journal article
Author surname(s), Initial(s). (Year). Title of journal article. Journal Title, volume number (issue or part number), page range (first to last page of article). doi if available.

Reference list

In-text citation
Autonomy in moral choices implies… (White, 2012, p. 68).

Web page
Author/Editor/Organisation. (Year site was published or last updated, or no date) Title of internet site/online PDF document. Retrieved from URL

Reference list

In-text citation
According to the Youth Policy (2014), Norway has one of the highest…
Chapter in edited work


Reference list


In-text citation

Understanding the significance of loss of national identify… (Agier, 2012, p. 184) …

Secondary referencing

You should only reference the source you have read. In this example, Bryman wrote the book that has been read, but the student is paraphrasing a point made by Pidgeon and Henwood which Bryman has used.

Reference list


In-text citation

…which could be due to the ‘labour intensive’ nature of qualitative research (Pidgeon and Henwood, 1997, cited in Bryman, 2012, p. 306).

General Tips

Place of publication: For American sources, give the city followed by the abbreviation for the state (available on Google). For other sources, give use the city followed by the country in full.

Page numbers: Use p. for one page. Use pp. for page ranges (e.g. pp. 3-6).

Multiple authors (in-text reference): If you have between 3 and 5 authors, you must list all authors in your first citation in text, e.g. (Witham, McKinn & Jones, 2001). After this you should use et al. to replace the authors following the first one. e.g. (Witham et al., 2001). If you have 6 or more authors you may use et al. following the first author’s name in your citation e.g. (Watton et al., 2005)

Multiple authors (Reference list): Give all authors up to seven, use an & (ampersand) between the last two authors. If you have more than seven authors you should list the first six then use an ellipsis (....) followed by the last author.

Multiple sources with the same author: these should be listed chronologically in your reference list.

Multiple sources with the same author and date: these should be ordered alphabetically by title and then be differentiated by using lower case letters (in alphabetical order) after the publication date e.g. Department of Education (2014a), Department of Education (2014b).