

APA Sample Paper & References List

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Begin the first paragraph of your research paper with a half-inch indent. Avoid the temptation of using the heading "Introduction" at the start of your paper. Your first sentence is what should immediately follow the title.

As your paper develops, you will want to incorporate your research. Sometimes you will use direct quotes that "duplicate the original source word for word" (Jones & Brook, 2011, p. 3). Other times, you will put the ideas from your research into your own words, and that paraphrased material must also be cited in-text (Xiang, Cooper, Wilson & Liang, 2012). Even if your information came from a website without an author, you must cite that source (Corporation, 2012).

At the end of your paper, you will list all of your sources in a References list. The References page begins on a new page and must be included in every research paper.

References

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Quick Rules for an APA References List

Your research paper ends with a list of all the sources cited in the text of the paper. Here are nine quick rules for this References list.

1. Start a new page for your References list. Centre the title, References, at the top of the page.
2. Double-space the list.
3. Start the first line of each reference at the left margin; indent each subsequent line five spaces (a hanging indent).
4. Put your list in alphabetical order. Alphabetize the list by the first word in the reference. In most cases, the first word will be the author's last name. Where the author is unknown, alphabetize by the first word in the title, ignoring the words a, an, the.
5. For each author, give the last name followed by a comma and the first (and middle, if listed) initials followed by periods.
6. Italicize the titles of works: books, audiovisual material, internet documents and newspapers, and the title and volume number of journals and magazines.
7. Do not italicize titles of parts of works, such as: articles from newspapers, magazines, or journals / essays, poems, short stories or chapter titles from a book / chapters or sections of an Internet document.
8. In titles of non-periodicals (books, videotapes, websites, reports, poems, essays, chapters, etc), capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a title and subtitle, and all proper nouns (names of people, places, organizations, nationalities).
9. If more than one place of publication is listed give the publisher's home office. If the home office is not given or known then choose the first location listed.

APA End-of-Paper Checklist

In-Text Citations

- ✓ Have you given credit to other sources when you've quoted and/or paraphrased throughout your paper?
- ✓ Are the in-text citations properly constructed according to APA style?
- ✓ Does every in-text citation have a complete, matching citation in your References List?

References List

- ✓ Does it say References at the top of your page, centered, and without bolding or underlining?
- ✓ Is the References List page double spaced?
- ✓ Are the citations in alphabetical order by the first word/name of each citation (ignoring initial articles like "The", "A" and "An")?
- ✓ Are the citations properly constructed according to APA style?
- ✓ Are the second and subsequent lines of any citations longer than one line indented half an inch? This is called a "hanging indent" in your paragraph settings.
- ✓ Does each citation in the References List have a matching in-text citation in your assignment?

Title Page (Follow unless a different format is specified by your instructor)

- ✓ Is there a page number one inch from the right-side of the page header?
- ✓ Does page numbering start from the title page?
- ✓ Is there a running head on the left-side of the title page header?
- ✓ Does the running head include the words "Running head:" followed by the short title (first few words of the title) in UPPERCASE?
- ✓ Did you include the full title, your name, course number, instructor's name and date submitted (Month Day, Year) centered on the page?
- ✓ Is the title page properly constructed according to APA style?

Overall Paper Presentation

- ✓ Did you cite the appropriate number and type of sources according to your assignment instructions?
- ✓ Is your paper double spaced?
- ✓ Unless specified otherwise by your instructor, is your paper in Times New Roman size 12 font?
- ✓ Are margins set to 1" on all sides?
- ✓ Did you create a header with the short title in UPPERCASE on the left-side and the page number on the right-side?
- ✓ Is the full title centered underneath the header, with proper capitalization?
- ✓ Are the in-text citations properly constructed according to APA Style?

