

APA In-Text Citations

Citing correctly in the text of your paper can be difficult depending on the number and type of authors. This chart is a handy guide for the various ways to format in-text citations in APA style.

Type of citation	Narrative (in the middle of the sentence), 1 st citation	Narrative, subsequent citations	Parenthetical (at the end of the sentence), 1 st citation	Parenthetical, subsequent citations
One author	Walker (2007)	Walker (2007)	(Walker, 2007)	(Walker, 2007)
Two authors	Walker and Allen (2007)	Walker and Allen (2007)	(Walker & Allen, 2007)	(Walker & Allen, 2007)
Three to five authors	Bradley, Ramirez, and Soo (1999)	Bradley et al. (1999)	(Bradley, Ramirez, & Soo, 1999)	(Bradley et al., 1999)
Six or more authors	Wasserstein et al. (2005)	Wasserstein et al. (2005)	(Wasserstein et al., 2005)	(Wasserstein et al., 2005)
Groups (with abbreviations)	American Psychological Association (APA, 2010)	APA (2010)	(American Psychological Association [APA], 2010)	(APA, 2010)
Groups (no abbreviations)	University of Pittsburgh (2005)	University of Pittsburgh (2005)	(University of Pittsburgh, 2005)	(University of Pittsburgh, 2005)
No Author	"Full Article Title" (2010)	"Abbreviated Article Title" (2010)	("Abbreviated Article Title," 2010)	("Abbreviated Article Title," 2010)
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