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Journal article (2 authors) Use this example for a document with a DOI (Refer to table 6.1 on p. 177, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 11, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Veri, M. J., & Liberti, R. (2013). Tailgate warriors: Exploring constructions of masculinity, food, and football. <i>Journal of Sport & Social Issues</i> , 37, 227-244. http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0193723512472897	First citation in text Veri and Liberti (2013)	Same
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Journal article (3-5 authors) Use this example for a document retrieved in print, with no DOI (Refer to table 6.1 on p. 177 and sec. 7.01, <i>APA Manual</i>)	Gutin, B., Riggs, S., Ferguson, M., & Owens, S. (1999). Description and process evaluation of a physical training program for obese children. <i>Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport</i> , 70(1), 65-69.	First citation in text Gutin, Riggs, Ferguson, and Owens (1999)	Gutin et al. (1999)
		First citation in parenthetical format (Gutin, Riggs, Ferguson, & Owens, 1999)	(Gutin et al., 1999)
Journal article (6-7 authors) Use this example for a document with a DOI (Refer to secs. 6.27 & 6.31, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 11, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Hinckley, T. M., Brooks, J. R., Cermak, J., Ceulmans, R., Kucera, J., Meinzer, F.C., & Roberts, D.A. (1994). Water flux in hybrid poplar stand. <i>Tree Physiology</i> , 14, 1005-1018. http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/treephys/14.7-8-9.1005	First citation in text Hinckley et al. (1994)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Hinckley et al., 1994)	Same
Journal article (8 or more authors: list first six authors, then three ellipses, then last author's name) Use this example for a document with a DOI (Refer to secs. 6.27 & 6.31, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 11, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Ward, R. D., Kellendonk, C., Simpson, E. H., Lipatova, O., Drew, M., Fairhurst, S.,...Balsam, P. D. (2009). Impaired timing precision produced by striatal D2 receptor overexpression is mediated by cognitive and motivational deficits. <i>Behavioral Neuroscience</i> , 123(4), 720-730. http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.1037/a0016503	First citation in text Ward et al. (2009)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Ward et al., 2009)	Same
Magazine article (Refer to secs. 7.01.7 & 7.01.8, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 13, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Intini, J. (2009, October 5). Fussing over fonts: Can changing a catalogue font hurt the bottom line? <i>Maclean's</i> , 302(38), 48. Retrieved from http://www.macleans.ca **omit "Retrieved from http://..." statement if not retrieved online**	First citation in text Intini (2009)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Intini, 2009)	Same
Newspaper article (Refer to secs. 7.01.10 & 7.01.11, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 14, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Hughes, L. (2006, October 26). Blue-box blues. <i>The Globe and Mail</i> , p. A20. **add "Retrieved from http://..." statement if retrieved online**	First citation in text Hughes (2006, p. A20)	Same
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Book (Refer to sec. 7.02, <i>APA Manual</i>)	Stainton-Rogers, W. (2003). <i>Social psychology: Experimental and critical approaches</i> . Maidenhead, PA: Open University Press.	First citation in text Stainton-Rogers (2003)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Stainton-Rogers, 2003)	Same
E-Book (with group author) Use this example for a book with a DOI (Refer to sec. 7.02, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 15-17, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	American Psychological Association. (1985). <i>A hospital practice primer for psychologists</i> . http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/10081-000	First citation in text American Psychological Association (APA, 1985, p. 34)	APA (1985, p.34)
		First citation in parenthetical format (American Psychological Association [APA], 1985, p. 34)	(APA, 1985, p.34)
E-Book Use this example for a book read on an e-reader (Refer to sec. 7.02, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 15-17, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Bartol, C. R., & Bartol, A. M. (2004). <i>Introduction to forensic psychology: Research and application</i> [Kindle version]. Retrieved from Amazon.com	First citation in text Bartol and Bartol (2004)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Bartol & Bartol, 2004)	Same
Edited Book (Refer to sec. 7.02, <i>APA Manual</i>)	Shulman, D., & Stroumsa, G. G. (Eds.). (1999). <i>Dream cultures: Explorations in the comparative history of dreaming</i> . New York: Oxford University Press.	First citation in text Shulman and Stroumsa (1999)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Shulman & Stroumsa, 1999)	Same
Chapter in an edited book (Refer to sec. 7.02, <i>APA Manual</i> , and p. 11 & 18, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>) (Refer to sec. 6.27, <i>APA Manual</i> , for directions on hyphenated first names)	Print book: Li, W.-Y. (1999). Dreams of interpretation in early Chinese historical and philosophical writings. In D. Shulman & G. G. Stroumsa (Eds.), <i>Dream cultures: Explorations in the comparative history of dreaming</i> (pp. 17-42). New York: Oxford University Press. E-Book: Ward, L. M., & Harrison, K. (2005). The impact of media use on girls' beliefs about gender roles, their bodies, and sexual relationships: A research synthesis. In E. Cole & J. Henderson (Eds.), <i>Psychology of Women Book Series: Featuring females: Feminist analyses of media</i> (pp. 3-23). http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/11213-001	First citation in text Li (1999)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Li, 1999)	Same
		First citation in text Ward and Harrison (2005, pp. 4-5)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Ward & Harrison, 2005, pp. 4-5)	Same

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Book (edition) (Refer to sec. 7.02, <i>APA Manual</i>)	Berry, R. C., & Wong, G. M. (1993). <i>Law and business of the sports industries: Common issues in amateur and professional sports</i> (2 nd ed.). Westport, CT: Praeger.	First citation in text Berry and Wong (1993)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Berry & Wong, 1993)	Same
Encyclopedia entry (Refer to secs. 7.02.27 & 7.02.29, <i>APA Manual</i>)	Print encyclopedia: Lott, B. (2001). Gender development: Social learning. In <i>Encyclopedia of women and gender</i> (Vol. 1, pp. 537-549). San Diego, CA: Academic Press. Electronic encyclopedia: Pettis, J. B. (2014). Androgyny. In D. A. Leeming (Ed.), <i>Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion</i> (2 nd ed.). http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4614-6086-2_28	First citation in text Lott (2001)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format (Lott, 2001)	Same
		First citation in text Pettis (2014)	
		First citation in parenthetical format (Pettis 2014)	
Canadian statute (Refer to sec. A7.04, <i>APA Manual</i> , and sec. 2.1, <i>Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation</i>)	<i>Mental Health Act</i> , RSA 2000, c M-13.	First citation in text <i>Mental Health Act</i> (2000)	Same
		Parenthetical format, first citation in text <i>(Mental Health Act, 2000)</i>	
Video or DVD (Refer to sec. 7.07, <i>APA Manual</i>)	Fanizza, S. (Producer), Fink, D. (Director/Editor), & Hanlon, T. (Writer). (1997). <i>Flexibility for sport and fitness</i> [Motion picture]. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.	First citation in text Fanizza, Fink, and Hanlon (1997)	Fanizza et al. (1997)
		First citation in parenthetical format (Fanizza, Fink, & Hanlon, 1997)	(Fanizza et al., 1997)
Streaming video (Refer to p. 26, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Gresham College [GreshamCollege]. (2014, February 7). <i>Criminal Minds – Professor Glen D. Wilson</i> [Video file]. Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVNq-dcHXrQ	First citation in text Gresham College (2014)	Same
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Webpage with date (with group author) (Refer to p. 31-32, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2014, May 2). Children's mental health. Retrieved from http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/childdevelopment/mentalhealth.html	First citation in text Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, 2014, para. 2)	CDC (2014, para. 2)
		First citation in parenthetical format (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2014, para. 2)	(CDC, 2014, para. 2)
Webpage with no date (no author) (Refer to p. 31-32, <i>APA Style Guide to Electronic References</i>)	Borderline personality disorder. (n.d.). Retrieved from http://www.palace.net/~llama/psych/bpd.html	First citation in text Borderline personality disorder (n.d., para. 4)	Same
		First citation in parenthetical format ("Borderline personality disorder," n.d., para. 4)	Same
Personal Communications (Refer to sec. 6.20, <i>APA Manual</i>)	APA states "Because they do not provide recoverable data, personal communications are not included in the reference list . Cite personal communication in text only. Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator, and provide as exact date as possible". (APA, 2009, p. 179)	First citation in text J.T. Smith (personal communication, February 24, 2010) stated that government sponsored resources for the homeless in Alberta have deteriorated significantly since 2001.	Same
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