

APA Referencing – The Basics

Top Tips

- Referencing and note taking go hand in hand.
 - Keep track of your references as you take notes!
 - References are needed for all ideas that are not your own, BUT...
 - “Common knowledge” (loosely defined as something a Year 7 student would know) does not need a reference.
 - General Rule = Paraphrasing is better than direct quotations.
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In Text References

Every time you mention information or any idea that is not your own AND that is not considered to be “common knowledge”, the source must be credited directly in the text.

Example 1 - End of a sentence

The field of engineering has largely developed around the positivist philosophical position (Hector, 2008).

Example 2 - Middle of a sentence

An RBA paper (Simon, Smith, & West, 2009) found that participation in a loyalty program and access to an interest-free period...

Example 3 - Author referred to within a sentence

Hector (2008) states that the field of engineering has largely developed around the positivist philosophical position.

Reference List / Bibliography

This is a list of all the sources used.

- Arrange sources in alphabetical order according to author’s last name.
- Use “hanging indent” when more than one line of text for a reference (see example below).

Example:

Adamich, T. (2010). Context and relationships, past and present: the role of authority in information discovery. *Knowledge Quest*, 38(3), 66-70.

Combes, B. (2012). Practical curriculum opportunities and the library catalogue. In *Connections*, 82. Retrieved from http://www2.curriculum.edu.au/scis/connections/issue_82_2012/articles/practical_curriculum_opportunities.html

Dillon, M. & Wenzel, P. (1990). Retrieval effectiveness of enhanced bibliographic records. *Library Hi Tech*, 8(3), 43-46.

LTCLibrary.com - Online Reference Generator

This site is very helpful for generating a bibliography.

Need more info?

Visit the **LTC Library website** for links to the complete citation style guides.

As always, come see a teacher librarian for more help whenever you get stuck with an assignment. ☺

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NOTE: The author's name is written as *Surname, First Initial* in alphabetical order

Website:

Corporate Author	Date	Title of webpage
Australian Psychological Society.	(2008).	<i>Substance abuse: Position statement.</i>
Retrieved from http://www.psychology.org.au/publications/statements/substance/		
Human Author	"Retrieved from" URL of webpage	
Carlton, M.	(2018).	<i>The land of the fair gone.</i>
Retrieved from https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/opinion/topic/2018/03/31/the-land-the-fair-gone/15224148006022		

Streaming video:

Who posted it	Date	Title of clip
History.	(2014, May 22).	Tech developments of World War I [Video file].
Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7v3cq1ZJjM		

Journal:

Article Author(s)	Date	Article Title	Journal title
Conley, T.G., & Galeson, D.W.	(1998).	Nativity and wealth in mid-nineteenth century cities.	<i>Journal of Economic History</i>
			58(2), 468-493.
Volume (Issue)			Pages

Book:

Author	Year of publication	Title	Place of publication	Publisher
Smith, J., & Bruce, S.	(1997).	<i>A guide to personnel management.</i>	Sydney:	McGraw Hill.

Image:

Author	Year	Title
McMillan, T.	(2009).	Fantail vector [Image].
Retrieved from http://www.kiwiwise.co.nz/photo/fantail-vector		