

# REFERENCES CITED FORMAT - APA 6th Edition



## General Directions

**APA** (American Psychological Association) style (6th edition) is *most commonly used* to cite sources within the sciences. A reference list is a complete list of references used in your research report. An APA reference list includes the **full references for all in-text citations used**.

Entries in a REFERENCE CITED section are alphabetized by the last name of the author: the date (of critical interest in science) is placed directly afterwards. An entry for which the author is unknown, such as a newspaper article or an unsigned review is alphabetized by the first word of the title, excluding the articles "a", "an," and "the." **Always double-space and indent the second and succeeding lines of each reference.** Do not number your references and if you have two or more references **BY THE SAME AUTHOR**, alphabetize them starting with the most recently written paper.

It is important to consult a VARIETY of sources when doing your research (*more than just internet sources...*)

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**BOOKS** - General Structure: Last, F. M. (Year Published) *Book*. City, State: Publisher.

*(last name) (initial) (date) (title) (city) (publisher)*  
**One Author** Bronowski, J. 2010. *The Ascent of Man*. Boston: Little & Brown, Inc.

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**By Editor** *(editor) (date) (title) (city) (publisher)*  
Ellis, R. (ed.) 2011. *Sharks*. New York: Wiley.

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**2 Authors, Local Agency** *(last name) (initials) (initial)(last name)(date) (title)*  
Walker, R. G., and A. Maben. 2005. *The Feeding Ecology of Bats*. Mangilao, Guam. Div. Aquatic + Wildl. Resourc.  
*(city) (country) (agency)*

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## Magazines and Scientific Journal Articles (in PRINT)

General Structure: Last, F. M. (Year, Month Published). Article title. *Magazine Title*, volume (issue), pp. Page(s).

**3 Authors, Journal Article** *(last name, first initial, then first initial, last names) (date) (title)*  
Cochran, J. A., Wiles, G. and J. Manack. 2011. Money, Banking, and the Economy. *Fortune* 34 (4): 47-55.  
*(Publisher) (vol) (#) (exact pages)*

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**NO author, Scientific Bulletin** *(title) (date) (City) (Publisher)*  
Insects of Guam. 2010. Honolulu: Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Bull. 68  
*(Bulletin # only)*

**PRINT NEWS:** General Structure: Last, F. M. (Year, Month Date Published). Article title. *Newspaper Title*, pp. Page(s).

**Newspaper** (author) (exact day) (title)  
Meier, B. (2013, Jan. 1). Energy Drinks Promise Edge, but Experts Say Proof Is Scant. *New York Times*, p. 1.  
(Publisher) (section # or page)

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### Encyclopedias (print)

**Article Within** (author) (date) (title) (specific pages within)  
Halstead, B. 2008. Poisonous Marine Animals. Pp. 105-115  
in *Encyclopedia Britannica* Vol. 93 (C. Brown, ed.), Academic Press, New York. (Encyclopedia) (Volume) (editor) (Publisher)  
(city)

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## NON-PRINT SOURCES

General Structure: Last, F. M. (Year, Month Date Published). *Article title*. Retrieved from URL

**ARTICLE** (author: Last, F. M.) (date) (article title)  
Williams, A. (2018, July 27) Study shows ocean acidification is having major **ONLINE** impact on marine life. Retrieved from <https://phys.org>  
(retrieved from URL)

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**FILM** (director) (date) (title) (actors)  
Melfi, Theodore, dir. 2016. *Hidden Figures*. With Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monae. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox Studios, Hollywood.  
(studio) (city)

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### SOFTWARE

**DVD or Application** (title) (date) (publisher) (format)  
Bill Nye: Greatest Discoveries in Biology. 2005. Discovery School.com. DVD.

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### Citing "personal communications" with an Expert

(in person, on the phone, in letters or on the Internet)

(full name) (date interviewed) (title) (address of work or home)  
Whitcraft, Dr. Christine. 2018, Feb 21. Asst. Prof. of Biology. CSU Long Beach, CA.

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