

APA 6 - References In Text

- In-text citations let the reader know the precise location(s) of the work that you're citing in your text.
- They are used when you paraphrase, summarize, or quote directly someone else's idea(s) / work / facts in your own text.
- Citations are not required for well-known quotations, proverbs, or information that is common knowledge.
- References in text are enclosed in (), usually at the end of the sentence or paragraph. Each piece of information is separated by a comma. Period goes before the ().
- Multiple citations for one idea can be grouped together, separated by a ;. List in alphabetical order (by author's last name).

Print Resources: generally, author's last name, date, and page number (p.)

- author is known
 - last name and page number (Montero, 2011, p. 37)
- author unknown
 - title (shortened form if long title) and page number ("Curie", 2010, p. 216) – article
(Curie, 2010, p. 46) – book
- author's name is used in the text (eg. Montero states that...)
 - year and page number (2013, p. 216)

Web Resources:

- author is known
 - last name, date, and page number (if known) (Lavallee, 2011)
- author is unknown
 - first few words of Reference list entry (usually title), date, and page number (if known) ("Canadian Pacific Railway", 2008, p. 73)
- author or title is used in the text
 - (year) beside name; page number at end of sentence Cooper (2005) suggests "quote" (p. 245).

For both:

- more than one author with same last name
 - first initial, last name
- 2 authors
- multiple authors (3 to 5)
 - all last names and page number
 - after 1st reference
- more than one resource from same author
 - author's last name and title
- article titles are enclosed in “ ”; book titles are in *italics*

(D. Francis, 2010, p. 17)

(Williams and Wright, 2009)

(Daintith, Dunning, and Hammond, 2007)

(Daintith et al., 2007)

(Lavalee, “Canadian Pacific Railway”, 1997)

(“Curie” 216) – article (*Curie* 46) – book

For further information, see the following online citation guides:

SFU: <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/writing/apa>

UBC Okanagan: <http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/library/citations/apa.html>