

APA REFERENCE CITATIONS IN-TEXT

Be sure to document your research throughout the text of your paper by citing the author and date of the works you have used. Called in-text citation, the reader uses the information to refer to the corresponding source in the Reference section at the end of your paper.

For additional questions about APA Citations consult the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th ed. It is shelved in the Reference section, **REF BF76.7 .P83 2020**. For all the rules for citations in text, go to Chapter 8 “Work Credited In The Text” starting on page 252. The following are some examples of typical citations.

Reference citation in text for one work by one author:

If the name of the author appears as part of your narrative, cite only the year of publication in parentheses:

Bosserman (2019) found that a base nucleotide reaction was of paramount importance.

Otherwise, place both the name and the year, separated by a comma, in parentheses:

In a recent study of base nucleotide reactions (Bosserman, 2019) many were found to be of questionable origin.

If both the year and author are given in the narrative, do not add parenthetical information:

In 2019, Bosserman found that a base nucleotide reaction was of paramount importance.

For the examples above, the corresponding citation in the reference list at the end of the paper would look like this:

Bosserman, H. (2019). Role of telescopes in extraterrestrial invasions. *Journal of Astrophysics & Astronomy*, 37(4), 443-449. <https://doi.org/>

Multiple Authors

- If a citation has two authors, list both authors' surnames in the in-text citation. For example: Smith and Jackson (2018) or (Smith & Jackson, 2018)
- If a citation has 3 or more authors, just list the first author's surname followed by 'et al.' For example: Jefferson et al. (2020) or (Jefferson et al., 2020)

Direct Quotes

There are different rules when you *directly quote* from another source. Always give page numbers for quotations (see page 270-274). Incorporate a short quotation (fewer than 40 words) into your text, and enclose the quotation with double quotation marks:

Bosserman (2019) determined that “ultrasonic sound could cause a complete breakdown of the optometric lenses, leaving it vulnerable to cracks and abrasions” (p. 447).

If the author is not named in your text then place the author’s last name, the year of publication, and the page numbers in parenthesis after the quotation:

“The Astra 3000 refractive telescope has a subprogram to make the needed adjustments in case of such a breakdown” (Bosserman, 2019, p. 447).

Display a quotation of 40 or more words in a freestanding block and omit the quotation marks. The entire quotation should be double spaced. Start this block quotation on a new line, and indent the block 0.5 inches:

Bosserman (2019) found the following:

The use of ultrasonic sound could cause a complete breakdown of the optometric lenses, leaving it vulnerable to cracks and abrasions. The refraction of the occipital variance mirrors can lead to misleading coordinate observations, even though the Astra 3000 refractive telescope has a subprogram to make the needed adjustments in case of such a breakdown. (p. 447)

Direct Quotes of Material Without Page Numbers

To directly quote from written material that does not have page numbers (for example webpages, websites, etc...), provide readers with another way of locating the quoted passage. For example provide name of the section, a paragraph number (count paragraphs manually if there is no number), or section name with a paragraph number. For Audiovisual works like YouTube, TED Talk, or documentaries, provide a time stamp for the beginning of the quotation. See examples below. For more information see pages 273-274.

Examples:

(National Institutes of Mental Health, 2019, Treatment section)
(Surfrider Foundation, 2020, “Save the Monterey Bay” section)
(Patrick, 2018, para. 1)
(Valdez & Gonzalez, 2019, Blastoma section, para. 3)
(Smith, 2020, 3:22)