



## In-text Citation Examples

When citing sources in an APA style paper, APA uses the *author-date citation* system. In this system, the writer includes the author and date within the body of the paper and includes a corresponding reference in the reference list. This citation system allows the reader to identify sources used in the paper by reviewing the author and date within the text of the paper, and then easily locate the corresponding reference in the alphabetical reference list.

There are two types of in-text citations that can be used within the body of an APA paper to help the reader locate the corresponding reference in the reference list. The two types of in-text citations are *parenthetical citations* and *narrative citations*. A parenthetical citation is a type of citation where the author and date are listed at the end of the sentence in parentheses; whereas, the narrative citation identifies the author's name as part of the sentence with the date immediately following the author's name in parentheses.

There are a number of ways that parenthetical and narrative citations can be added to the body of the paper to aid in the readability and flow of the paper. The following table provides a few examples of common ways parenthetical and narrative citations are used for quotes and paraphrases.

### *In-text Citation Examples for a Paper Written in APA Style*

| Description of Citation  | Type of Citation   | Explanation  | Example  |
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| Quote with author's name in text with designated page numbers. | Narrative Citation | <p>Author's name is in text with date immediately afterward in parentheses. At the end of the sentence, add the page number in parentheses. Use the abbreviation "p." for 1 page.</p> <p>Another option is to include the author and date in the text of the sentence. At the end of the sentence, add the page number in parentheses.</p> | <p>Smith (2019) demonstrated how to "... " (p. 112).</p> <p>In a 2019 landmark study, Smith demonstrated how to "... " (p. 112).</p> |

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| Quote over multiple pages with author's name in parentheses. | Parenthetical Citation | List author, date, and page numbers in parentheses. Use the abbreviation "pp." for multiple pages.  | This is quoted as "... " (Smith, 2019, pp. 112-113).  |
| Paraphrasing with the author's name in text.                 | Narrative Citation     | <p>Author's name is in text with date in parentheses after the author's last name.</p> <p>Another option is to include the author and date in the text of the sentence.</p> | <p>Smith (2019) shared these facts, too.</p> <p>In 2019, Smith shared these facts.</p>  |
| Paraphrasing with the author's name in parentheses.          | Parenthetical Citation | Add the author and date in parentheses.   | This fact was also shared in other sources (Smith, 2019).   |
| Source with 2 authors in text.                               | Narrative Citation     | <p>List both authors in text. Separate the authors with the word "and".</p> <p>Add the date in parentheses immediately after the last name of the second author.</p>        | Smith and Lee (2019) located ...  |
| Source with 2 authors in parentheses.                        | Parenthetical Citation | <p>List both authors and date in parentheses. Separate with ampersand (&amp;).</p>  | The authors proved the facts were true (Smith & Lee, 2019).   |
| Source with no author in text.                               | Narrative Citation     | Give the full title of the work in the text. Put the date in parentheses afterward. Italicize a book title, and use quotation marks if the work is an article.              | <p>The book, <i>Effective Management</i> (2019), illustrated ...</p> <p>The article, "Effective Management" (2019), illustrated ...</p> |

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| Source with no author in parentheses.  | Parenthetical Citation | Give the title of the work in place of the author. Abbreviate to a few words if long and complicated. Italicize a book title, and use quotation marks if the work is an article.                       | This book is true ( <i>Effective Management</i> , 2019).<br><br>This article is true (“Effective Management,” 2019).  |
| More than one source with authors with the same last name in text.                       | Narrative Citation     | Include the first initial as well as the last names in text for each author with the same last name. Include the date in parentheses after the author’s last name.                                     | P. Smith (2018) and J. Smith (2019) proved ...  |
| More than one source with the same author’s last name in parentheses.                    | Parenthetical citation | Include the author’s last name, first initial, and date in parentheses.  | (Smith, P., 2018)<br><br>(Smith, J., 2018)  |
| General mention of website in text.  | Parenthetical Citation | Add the URL in parentheses. Do not include a reference in the reference list.  | We created our survey using Survey Monkey ( <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/">https://www.surveymonkey.com/</a> ).                                      |
| Quote from website or electronic source with no page numbers with author’s name in text. | Narrative Citation     | Include the author’s name in text. Add the date in parentheses immediately after the author’s last name. Add the paragraph number, heading or section, or both at the end of the quote in parentheses. | Smith (2019) argued “...” (para. 4).<br><br>Smith (2019) argued “...” (Emergencies section).<br><br>Smith (2019) argued “...” (Emergencies section, para. 4). |
| Quote from website or electronic source with no page numbers with author’s               | Parenthetical Citation | Include the author’s name, the date, and the paragraph number, heading or section, or both in parentheses at the end of the sentence.  | Furthermore, the research “...” (Smith, 2019, para. 4).<br><br>Furthermore, the research “...” (Smith, 2019, Emergencies section).                            |

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| name in parentheses.                        |                        |  | Furthermore, the research “...” (Smith, 2019, Emergencies section, para. 4). |
| Citing more than work in the same citation. | Parenthetical Citation | List the author and date of each source. Order sources by placing in alphabetical order of the first author. Separate each source with a semi-colon. | The authors agreed (Lee, 2018; Smith, 2019; Trenton, 2017).                  |