

Examples of in-text citations

One author

Rule	Surname of author, no initials or suffixes such as Jr. The year of publication is also included
Citation examples	..This was seen in an Australian study (Conger, 1979). OR Conger (1979) has argued that... OR In 1979, Conger conducted a study which showed that...

Two authors

Rule	Cite both surnames every time the reference occurs in the text
Citation examples	...(Davidson & Harrington, 2002) OR Davidson and Harrington (2002)...

Three to five authors

Rule	Cite all surnames and publication year the first time, thereafter only the first surname followed by et al.
Citation examples	The first time cited: ...(Brown, Soo, & Jones, 1990). Brown, Soo, and Jones (1990)... thereafter: ...(Brown et al., 1990). Brown et al. (1990)...

Six or more authors

Rule	Cite only the surname of the first author followed by et al. and the year from the first citation. Include all authors, up to seven, in the reference list. Please see instruction for eight or more authors on the introductory page of this guide.
Citation examples (Girad-Perregaux et al., 2003). Girad-Perregaux et al. (2003)...

Multiple works: by same author AND same year

Rule	If there is more than one reference by an author in the same year, suffixes (a, b, c, etc.) are added to the year. Allocation of the suffixes is determined by the order of the references in the reference list. Suffixes are also included in the reference list, and these references are listed alphabetically by title. If cited together, list by suffix as shown below.
Citation examples	Stairs (1992b)... later in the text ... (Stairs, 1992a). ...(Stairs, 1992a, 1992b).

If the author is identified as 'anonymous'

Rule	Use Anonymous in place of the author's surname.
Citation examples	... (Anonymous, 1997)

Unknown author

Rule	Give the first few words of the title. If the title is from an article or a chapter use double quotation marks. If the title is from a periodical, book brochure or report then use italics.
Citation examples	...the worst election loss in the party's history ("This is the end," 1968).

Corporate or group of authors

Rule	If organization is recognized by abbreviation, cite the first time as follows:
Citation examples	... (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare [AIHW], 2005) thereafter ... (AIHW, 2005). If abbreviation not widely known, give the name in full every time: ... (Australian Research Council, 1996)

Multiple references

Rule	List the citations in alphabetical order and separate with semicolons
Citation examples	... (Burst, 1995; Nguyen, 1976; Turner & Hooch, 1982).

Citing specific parts of a source

Rule	For a direct quote the page number(s) must be given. Indicate page, chapter, figure, table, etc. as specifically as possible. Use accepted abbreviations, i.e. p. for page, para. for paragraph..
Citation examples	As one writer put it "the darkest days were still ahead" (Weston, 1988, p. 45). Weston (1988) argued that "the darkest days were still ahead" (p. 45). This theory was put forward by Smith (2005, chap.7)

Rule	Where page numbers are not provided use paragraph numbers.
Citation examples	...(Chang, 2001, para. 2)

[Personal communication: for email and other 'unrecoverable' data](#)

Rule	Personal communications are not included in the reference list.
Citation examples	... (R. Smith, personal communication, January 28, 2002). R. Smith (personal communication, January 28, 2002)...