In-Text Examples

References in APA style are cited in the text with an author-date citation system. Each reference cited in the text must appear in the reference list and each entry in the reference list must appear in the text.

One work by single author (book or journal article)
Raish (2003) argues that information literacy is an essential skill set for 21st century survival. This point has been argued before (Raish, 2003).

One work by two or more authors (book or journal article)
See section 6.12 of the manual for guidance on works with more than two authors. Others, like Kirsch and Yamamoto (2004) hold an opposite point of view. Others hold an opposite point of view (Kirsch & Yamamoto, 2004).

Quotes & Specific parts of a source (see section 6.05 for more guidance)
Because, as Fox and Fallows note, “Patients can’t follow directions they don’t understand” (2003, p.9).
“Empirical studies have found mixed results on the efficacy of labels in educating consumers and changing consumptive behavior” (Golan, Kuchler, & Krissof, 2007, “Mandatory Labeling Has Targeted,” para. 4).

Works or websites with no author or with an anonymous author
When a work has no identified author, cite in text the first few words of the reference list entry (usually the title) and the year. Use double quotation marks around the title of an article, chapter or web page and italicize the title of a periodical, book, or report.
Therapists who can speak their patients’ native language (“Culturally Appropriate,” 1997) . . . as mentioned in Jobs for Graduates (2008).

Entire Website
When citing an entire website, it is sufficient to give the address of the site in just the text.
Kidspsych is a wonderful interactive website for children (http://www.kidspsych.org).

Video
As seen in Sicko (Moore, 2007).

Law
Treat references to legal material like references to works with no author; that is cite material like statutes by the first few words of reference and year.
The Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) established protected classes.


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