Scientific Citations

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Using APA

Library help guides for APA style

– **Citing your sources in your text**
– **The References list at the end of your paper**

APA guides:

– APA style manual available in library reference *(BF 76.7 P83 2010)*
– **APA guide for citing electronic sources**

Get help at the library and writing centre
Another reason to use the library!

- Databases offer “cite this article” help:

You will need to CHECK FOR MISTAKES!
Note the differences!

**EBSCO's APA citation:**

**Correct APA citation:**
Citing sources

- Cite all information you use
- Place citation in your text where you use the information
- Give complete reference to each source in references list at end of paper
- List references alphabetically by last name of first author
- Be consistent and complete
Pay attention to details

- Use a guide for APA!

- Citations for different types of things include some different elements
  - Publisher information for books
  - Volume, year, pages, DOI for articles

- List references alphabetically by last name of first author

  **BUT**

- Multiple references to same author(s) have special rules
  - Multiple references by one author: list entries in ascending order of years (1980, then 1982…)
  - Multiple publications by same author(s) in same year: add a letter to distinguish them (Smith, 2008a; Smith, 2008b…) and list them alphabetically by title
Examples using APA

Note:
In the following examples, all taken from an actual article (and reformatted into APA), there are no instances of direct quotation

Science writing typically uses direct quotations rarely, preferring to cite authors and restate their findings using summary or paraphrase
Many case studies have illustrated the dramatic impact certain introduced species can have on island biota, e.g. mongooses on island lizards (Case & Bolger, 1991) or snakes on breeding birds (Rodda, Fritts & Chiszar, 1997). Our results confirm …
References


Another example

The conclusion by May and Anderson (1983a) may have been the impetus for the truncation-selection model by Hamilton et al. (1990), as truncation selection essentially leads to increased virulence. The model was not dynamical...


Yet another example

In addition, the attractiveness or appeal of egg coloration could be hardwired based on the range of variation developed evolutionarily in the species or be the subject of a sensory bias (Ryan, 1998). ... In an increasing number of studies, variation in nestling provisioning is largely attributable to factors that are independent of the mate’s current behavior such as differences in the individual quality (e.g., Sanz et al., 2000; Schwagmeyer et al., 2002).
References


Sample citations of web materials


More web examples


QUESTIONS?