APA
In a
Nutshell
(Online Sources)

This guide covers only the most common situations. For more information on citing sources in APA style, visit these online resources:

Official APA Style website:	The TRU Library's APA Libguide:

Note: This guide is based on the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 7th edition. **Always check with your instructors to see if their requirements differ from those described here.**

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Advance Online Publications

When an article appears online prior to print publication, some or all of the volume, issue, and page numbers may be missing. In this case, include "Advance online publication" in place of the missing information.

Sun, J., & Goodwin, G. P. (2020). Do people want to be more moral? *Psychological Science*. Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1177/0956797619893078

YouTube Videos

Include "Video" in square brackets after the title. Unless otherwise indicated, the person who posted the video is also presumed to be its creator. The URL is for YouTube's homepage.

Cummins, B. (2010, January 16). *TRU service-learning 100 all videos* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h1rzA55Bk4

If the creator uses a screen name, but their real name is known, then the reference is alphabetized according to their real name and their screen name is included in square brackets.

Richards, A. [adriarichards]. (2011, June 4). *Camtasia Studio, Snagit and Jing review* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpUonhKub-Q

If the creator's real name not known, then the reference is alphabetized by their screen name.

Browseroperations. (2011, December 22). *Tile Tabs - Firefox extension in action* [Video]. YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPO3wGM9qXw

Digital Object Identifiers

A **DOI** (**D**igital **O**bject **I**dentifier) is a string of numbers and/or letters that uniquely identifies scholarly articles and some books. Use a DOI URL (https://doi.org/xxxx) to provide a permanent link to the item.

To find the **DOI** of an item:

- Look on the first page of an article.
- Look in the bibliographic record
- Go to www.crossref.org, then use "Search Metadata" to look up the item and last name of the author.

Accuracy is very important, so copy and paste the DOI whenever possible.

Social Media

Facebook, Instagram, or X (Twitter) Post

Cite the creator's personal or organizational name followed by their @username in square brackets. Quote the first 20 words of the post. Add "Image attached" or "Thumbnail with link attached" to indicate embedded images or links.

Thompson Rivers University [@thompsonriversu]. (2020, February 25). *Do you remember when engineering students wedged a Toyota into the science building stairwell back in '88? How about Cariboo* [Video attached] [Tweet]. Twitter. https://twitter.com/thompsonriversu/status/1232319645258002433

Comment on a News Article or Forum Post

Cite the commenter's name in the format it appears. Quote the first 20 words of the comment.

Jane. (2020, February 25). While this is good news, I have little faith in humanity's ability to be curious enough to understand the complex [Comment on the article "The lessons of #MeToo's monster"]. *The New York Times*. https://nyti.ms/2Ta2JIV#permid=105423115

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOKS

Journal Article with DOI
For information on finding the DOI of an item, please see the section of this brochure on "Digital Object Identifiers."

Grady, J. S., Her, M., Moreno, G., Perez, C., & Yelinek, J. (2019). Emotions in storybooks: A comparison of storybooks that represent ethnic and racial groups in the United States. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture, 8*(3), 207–217. https://doi.org/10.1037/ppm0000185

Journal Article with no DOI, Open Access Database
If you did not access the article through a TRU library database, give the URL of the journal's website.

Akin, D., & Huang, L. M. (2019). Perceptions of college students with disabilities. *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability, 32*(1), 21-33. https://www.ahead.org/professional-resources/publications/jped/archived-jped/jped-volume-32

E-Book with DOI
E-books follow the same format as print books, with the addition of the DOI (if present).

Carrillo, R. A., Malhotra, S., & Pérez, K. (2013). *Answer the call : Virtual migration in Indian call centers.* University of Minnesota Press. https://doi.org/10.5749/minnesota/9780816689385.001.0001

E-Book with no DOI, accessed online (Google Books)
Harris, M. (2017). *Kids these days: Human capital and the making of millennials.* Little, Brown. https://books.google.ca/books?id=g3BFDgAAQBAJ

For e-books with no DOI accessed through a database, end the reference after the publisher name—do not include the database URL.

Chapter in an Edited E-Book

Thestrup, K. (2010). To transform, to communicate, to play—The experimenting community in action. In E. Hygum & P. M. Pedersen (Eds.), *Early childhood education: Values and practices in Denmark*. Hans Reitzels Forlag. https://earlychildhoodeducation.digi.hansreitzel.dk/?id=192

Sources with DOIs are cited in the same way whether they are accessed in print or online. For information on citing print sources that do not have DOIs , please see *APA in a Nutshell*.

Newspaper/Magazine Article
Schulman, M. (2019, September 9). Superfans: A love story. *The New Yorker*. https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/09/16/superfans-a-love-story

Film from Digital Streaming Service
Wilhelm, M. (Director). (2020). *Akashinga: the brave ones* [Film]. Avatar Alliance Foundation; National Geographic.

Blog Post
Lee, C. (2019, October 21). Welcome, singular "they." *APA Style Blog*. https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/singular-they

Webpage with Corporate Author—Date or No Date
Most webpages have a date somewhere; look for a copyright symbol or a "last updated" statement. If there is no date, then use "n.d." for "no date" and a retrieval date.

Apple Inc. (2020). *Privacy*. https://www.apple.com/privacy/

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock*. U.S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved January 9, 2020, from https://www.census.gov/popclock/

Entry in an Online Reference Work
An entry in a reference work is treated like a chapter in a book.

Driver, J. (2014). The history of utilitarianism. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Winter 2014 Edition). https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/utilitarianism-history/

Fact Sheets, Brochures, etc.
For fact sheets, brochures, etc., the format is included in square brackets after the title.

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.) *Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome* [Fact sheet]. https://www.cdc.gov/hantavirus/pdf/hps-fact-sheet.pdf

Press Release
U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (2025, January 30). *FDA approves novel non-opioid treatment for moderate to severe acute pain* [Press release]. https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-approves-novel-non-opioid-treatment-moderate-severe-acute-pain

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OTHER WEB RESOURCES

Government Report with Personal Author
If a report has a personal author, then the government agency is indicated after the title of the report and the catalogue numbers (if any):

Sinha, M. (2014). *Parenting and child support after separation or divorce* (Statistics Canada Catalogue No.89-652-X—No.001). Statistics Canada. https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/89-652-x/89-652-x2014001-eng.pdf

Government Report with Organizational Author
If a report has no personal author listed, then the name of the government agency's website is not included after the report title.

Statistics Canada. (2010). *Child and spousal support: Maintenance enforcement survey statistics 2009/2010* (Statistics Canada Catalogue No. 85-228-X). https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-228-x/85-228-x2011000-eng.pdf

Infographic
Doukas, A. (2016). Stop funding fossils [infographic]. Oil Change International. http://priceofoil.org/content/uploads/2016/12/Climate-Finance-Infographic.pdf

Data Set with Organizational Author
Statistics Canada. (2019). *Table 13-10-0096-05 Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied, by age group* [Data table]. https://www.doi.org/10.25318/1310009605-eng

Artificial Intelligence/GenAI (such as ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.)
It is important to cite and reference GenAI use but *also* to include **written acknowledgement** of the GenAI tool used, the **prompt(s)**, and your **modifications**. You may also wish to put the original output in an appendix of your paper or in online supplemental materials. In text and reference example below:

When given a follow-up prompt of "What is a more accurate representation?" the ChatGPT-generated text indicated that "different brain regions work together to support various cognitive processes" (OpenAI, 2023; see Appendix A for the full transcript).

OpenAI. (2023). *ChatGPT* (Mar 14 version) [Large language model]. https://chat.openai.com/chat