APA Style  
A Brief Guide on In-Text Citation

Variety of citation formats are showcased below to assist you with in-text citation.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

I. Anonymous or unknown author: (Short Title, year, pp.); (“Short Article,” year)

Note: The short title or short article cuts down the length of the full title when it’s referenced in a paper. This is used because the titles of some research articles are often very long.

Citation:
It is a fact that MS-13 is an extremely violent and dangerous gang (“U.S to go,” 2012).

Reference:

II. One author: (Author’s Last Name, year, pp.); (Year, pp.)

Citation:
The author found that it is possible for patients to re-regulate brain wave activity (Cleary, 2011, p. 21).

Cleary (2011, p. 21) found that patients can re-regulate brain wave activity.

Reference:

III. Two authors: (Author 1 & Author 2, year, pp.)

Citation:
Many studies document the human capital cost of poor health in adulthood (Perreira & Ornelas, 2011, p 196)

Perreira & Ornelas (2011) found that numerous studies document capital cost of poor health in adulthood.

Reference:
IV. Three – five authors:

Note: When you’re doing in-text citation, rather than repeating the massive string of authors again, your first cite will be (Author1, Author2, & Author3, year, pp.). The second time you cite the same resource it will look like this (Author1 et al., year, pp.).

Citation:
The study found breast cancer survivors used internet to get information about cancer and treatment options (Muhamad, Afshari, & Mohamed, 2011, p. 244) …and the next time you cite something, in the same paper...

Muhamad et al. (2011, p. 244) concluded that patients should use a credentialed web site that is comprehensive and regularly updated by objective and unbiased experts.

Reference:

V. Six or more authors: (Author1 et al., year, pp.)

Note: In the reference page provide the full citation with all the names of the authors.

Citation:
Each child with diabetes requires a unique Diabetes Medical Management Plan (Silverstein et al., 2009)

Silverstein et al., (2009) found that each child with diabetes requires a unique Diabetes Medical Management Plan.

Reference:

VI. Several reports by different authors: (Author1, year; Author2, year; Author3, year)

Citation:
Several reports (Conklin, 1998; Cowen 1995; Diehl 1994) provide statistics on vocational education.

References:


VII. **Several sources by the same author:** (Author, year1, year2, year3)

Note: Use letters to contrast the multiple works an author has published in one year (e.g., 1974a, b). The years should be in chronological order.

**Citation:**
Several articles by Statsky (1973, 1974a, b) support Paralegals with educational information.

**References:**

VIII. **Quotation:** (Author, year, pp.)

Note: If there is no page number use the abbreviation para.(for paragraph) and the paragraph number, or the paragraph symbol and then the paragraph number (e.g., Author, year, para. 5 or Author, year, ¶ 5)

**Citation:**
The results show that “rats receiving long-term morphine treatment had significantly lower body weight gain” (Almela, 2012, ¶ 5).

As Almela (2012) found, “rats receiving long-term morphine treatment had significantly lower body weight gain” (para. 5).

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