APA In-Text Citation Format Guide
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General Rules for In-Text Citation

- References are cited in text with an author-date citation system. They are also listed alphabetically in the Reference list.

- Two kinds of material are cited only in the text:
  1. References to classical works (e.g., the Bible and the Qur’an)
  2. References to personal communications (private letters, memos, some electronic communication, personal interviews, telephone conversations, etc.)

Examples of In-Text Citations
(adapted from the sixth edition of the APA Publication Manual, © 2010)

6.11: Citing One Work by One Author In-Text (p. 174)

- “Shavers (2006) studied a report from the Department of Health which…”
- “Our policy solutions are likely to miss their intended goals (Frist, 2005).”
- “In 2006, Shavers’ report found there were disparities regarding…”

6.12: Citing One Work by Multiple Authors In-Text (p. 175)

- “Baicker, Chandra, and Skinner (2005) found…”
  [The first time you reference a text with multiple authors, include all author names]
- “Baicker et al. (2005) found…”
  [For use after you have referenced all authors]
- “Baicker et al. found…”
  [If you cite the same source a second time within a paragraph, the year of publication may be omitted.]

6.13: Groups as Authors (p.176)

“The names of groups that serve as authors (e.g., corporations, associations, government agencies, and study groups) are usually spelled out each time they appear in a text
citation… In deciding whether to abbreviate the name of a group author, use the general rule that you need to give enough information in the text citation for the reader to locate the entry in the reference list without difficulty.”

**6.14: Authors With the Same Surname** (p. 176)

“If a reference list includes publications by two or more primary authors with the same surname, include the first author’s initials in all text citations, even if the year of publication differs.”

“We reviewed another study by R. T. Clark and Clark (2008) and P. Clark (2009) focusing on measuring limited English proficiency.”

*Example References:*

**6.15 Works with Unidentified or Anonymous Author** (p. 176)

“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, a chapter, or a web page and italicize the title of a periodical, a book, a brochure, or a report… When a work’s author is designated as “Anonymous,” cite in the text the word *Anonymous* followed by a comma and the date.”

“…on free care. (“Study Finds”, 2007)”
“… the book *College Bound Seniors* (2008)…”
(Anonymous, 1998)

**6.17 Secondary Sources** (p. 178)

In text, name the original work and give a citation for the secondary source, i.e., if Allport’s work is cited in Nicholson and you did not read Allport’s work, list the Nicholson reference in the reference list. In the text, use the following citation:

Allport’s diary (as cited in Nicholson, 2003).

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