

APA: In-Text Citation Formats

According to APA style, you must insert in-text citations in the body of your paper to briefly indicate the source of your information. Usually the author and year of publication are enough for in-text citations, but there are common exceptions. Take a look at common exceptions and examples here:

I. Basic Format

(Author's Last Name, year of publication, page number) *Page number can be omitted when referring to a source that does not list pages (website, video, etc.)

Example: Italy has a moderately warm climate with temperatures reaching forty degrees in the summer (D'Millo, 2003, p.14).

II. Common Exceptions for Authors

- For multiple authors, all names should be listed in the first citation.

Example: (Highman, Smith, & Heart, 2013, p.11)

- If there are three or more authors, **after the first citation** subsequent citations can be shortened by using et al.

Example: (Highman et al., 2013, p.11)

- If there is no author, use the first piece of information you have from the long citation (on the Works Cited page), which is often the title of the item (title of the article, video, etc.).

Example: ("Diabetes Superfood", 2017)

- If you write the author's name in the sentence, follow it with the year of publication in parentheses. You do not have to cite the source again at the end of the sentence.

Example: Highman (2013) notes that in 1861 settlers flowed into California.

II. Common Exceptions

- If there is no date of publication available, write 'n.d.'

Example: One out of three textbooks are purchased as brand new (Johnson, n.d.).