In-text Citations – APA Style

When are they used?

In-text citations are used in the text of research papers/assignments when you cite information from sources.

Why are they used?

To provide the reader with (1) which source in the References page the writer is referring to, and (2) when the information was published.

Note: Except for interviews, you cannot have an in-text citation without a corresponding source in the References page.

What’s required?

- The author’s name (or title if no author is given)—either in a signal phrase introducing the source information, or in a parenthetical citation. See examples below.
- Publication year in parentheses.
- If you cite a direct quotation, you must also include the page number.

Signal phrase – when you put the author’s name first to introduce the information.

According to John Daly (1997), debatable statements are statements that people can have different opinions about.

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Parenthetical citation – citation information provided in parentheses.

Citing Ideas from Sources

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No authors:
When there is no author(s) listed, use the title of the work in place of the author's name.
- Italicize titles of books, encyclopedias, reports, periodicals, web sites, etc.
- Put titles of articles, chapters, or individual web pages in quotation marks.
- If there is no date, use the abbreviation n.d. ("no date").

| Title of book, encyclopedia, report, web site, or periodical | Interaction between student and teacher is the "most effective way to determine understanding" (Teaching excellence, 2002). |
| Title of article, chapter, or individual web page | Institutional support is crucial if an academic program is to succeed ("Organizational change in academe," 2003). |
| No date | Another study of students and research decisions discovered that students succeeded with tutoring ("Tutoring and APA," n.d.). |

Citing Direct Quotations
Follow the example above, but also include the page number after the date.
- Use p. for page and pp. for multiple pages.
- If there are no page numbers, use the paragraph number (para.). This is frequently used with electronic sources, such as web sites and database articles, that do not include page numbers.

Examples
"PDC has the opportunity to conduct a market research study that would help evaluate buyer interest in the condominium project" (Anderson, Sweeney & Williams, 2001, p. 104).

"Inquiries emerge from the world of the user—but are processed in the world of the librarian" ("Purpose of reference statistics," 2002, para. 2).

"Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque started the art movement known as Cubism in 1917" (Art movements in the 20th century, pp. 5-6)

Citing Similar Ideas from Multiple Sources
Follow the above rules, but list the sources alphabetically in the in-text citation. Separate the sources with semicolons.

Examples
Several studies conclude that cooperative learning is beneficial to students at all learning levels (Balda, 1980; Maco, 2004; Patel, 2002).

Workplace satisfaction is one of the most important factors in employee retention (Anderson & Mackie, 1999; Schon, 2004).

Citing Indirect Sources
This is when you use someone's ideas that are actually cited in another source.
- First, use a signal phrase to include the original author/source.
- In parentheses, use the phrase "as cited in" before the indirect source you are citing.

Example
Sam Roswell argued that Patrick Henry has been largely forgotten in the teaching of American history (as cited in Chargen, 1989).