APA Citation Examples

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Reference Page: Your reference page should start with the word Reference or References centered at the top of the page. Your citations should be listed in alphabetical order by the first author’s listed last name. If an author is not available use the first word of the title. The reference page should be in 12 point Times New Roman font and double spaced throughout. After the first line each line should have a one-half inch indentation (hanging indentation).

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each volume begins on page one also provide the issue number. The name of a journal or magazine source will be italicized and capitalized throughout. The name of a reference book will follow the same rules as a book title. If there is an editor, or editors, provide that information as well.

**Retrieval Statement:** The retrieval statements in these examples try to follow APA guidelines as close as possible. This means that DOI numbers are provided when available. When they are not available the homepage of the website of the source (not the database) is provided. There are a few sources in library databases, like company profiles from Business Insights, which are unique to that database. In those cases the homepage of the database is provided by copy and pasting up to the .com or .org in the URL. However, professors may vary on how they want retrieval statements cited. Be sure to clarify with your professor their expectations for the retrieval statement.

## Citing Resources from a Library Database

### Citing Articles

#### Journals


**In Text Citation**

(Goolsbee & Syverson, 2008) OR According to Goolsbee and Syverson (2008)…. 

Note: In this case no DOI number was provided in the citation information so the URL of the source’s homepage was used. Some databases provide the sources URL. If they do not, you would have to use a search engine to find the sources homepage. Keep in mind that some sources, especially older sources, may not have a
homepage in which case you would cite the databases homepage. If you are unsure of how to correctly provide the retrieval statements please see a librarian.


doi:10.1007/s10551-012-1494-0

**In Text Citation**

(J. Tan & A. Tan, 2012) OR According to J. Tan and A. Tan (2012)….  

Note: In this case the database provided a DOI number in the citation information.

**Magazines**


**In Text Citation**

(Byrnes & Cowan, 2007, p. 3) OR As shown by Bynes and Cowan (2007)…sentence..(para.3).

Note: When using a direct quote provide the page (p. 1) or page numbers (pp. 1-3). Websites and sources from library databases often lack a page number. In those cases provide the paragraph number (para.). You can also include the section if there are section headings (…Discussion section, para. 2).
Newspapers


**In Text Citation**

(Sanders, 2006) OR According to Sanders (2006)….

Note: Newspapers have a single p or pp (for multiple pages) before the page number(s).

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Data Sets

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**In Text Citation**

(DemographicsNow, 2012) OR Data provided by DemographicsNow (2012) demonstrates…
Citing eBooks

General eBook


In Text Citation

(Hopp & Lovejoy, 2012) OR According to Hopp and Lovejoy (2012)....

Article from a Reference Book


In Text Citation

(“Free Cash Flow,” 2005)

Note: For reference works, the word “In” appears before either the editor or the title of the book. In is capitalized and not italicized.
Citing Resources from the Open Web

**Government Webpages**


**In Text Citation**

(U.S. Small Business Administration, n.d.)

OR

The U.S. Small Business Administration (n.d.) suggest….

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**Data Set**


**In Text Citation**

(U.S. Department of Labor, 2013)

OR

As the United States Department of Labor’s (2013) Consumer Expenditure Survey shows…. 
Blog


In Text Citation

(Zynga, 2013) OR In a recent blog post Zynga (2013) stated….

Online Video


In Text Citation

(Big Think, 2011) OR The short YouTube clip from Big Think (2011)….

Print Books

General Print Book Format


(Schroeder, 2008) OR According to Schroeder (2008)….
Chapter or Entry from a Print Book


(Scarlatos, 2005) OR As Scarlatos (2005) found…. 