

## APA IN-TEXT CITATIONS

A research paper requires two different forms of documentation: a **References** list, which is placed at the end of the paper, and **in-text citations** (parenthetical), which are embedded within the text of the paper. In both cases, you must give the source of everything that you borrow: direct quotations, passages, information and/or ideas.

Each in-text citation needs to point specifically to the detailed source information, which is listed on the **References** page.

In most cases, the author's last name, date and the page number are enough to identify the source, but **the chart below shows how to do in-text citations for specific types of sources.**

Please note that the period, indicating the end of the sentence, is put **AFTER** the bracket, as shown in the example below.

*Example (direct quotation):* The Pacific Crest Trail, or PCT, is "a continuous wilderness trail that went from the Mexican border in California to just beyond the Canadian border..."(Strayed, 2012, p. 4).

*Example (paraphrased quotation):* If hikers want to travel from California to the Canadian border, one option is the Pacific Crest Trail or PCT (Strayed, 2012, p. 4).

SOURCE	PARENTHETICAL REFERENCE
<b>BOOK WITH A SINGLE AUTHOR</b>  <b>TWO OR THREE AUTHORS</b> For the first citation, include all authors; for later citations, include the first author and et al.  <b>MORE THAN THREE AUTHORS</b>	(Strayed, 2012, p. 4)  (Opdyke, Bauer & Armstrong, 1999, p. 77)  (Opdyke et al., 1999. p. 77)
<b>PRINT ARTICLE WITH ONE AUTHOR</b>  <b>PRINT ARTICLE WITH UNKNOWN AUTHOR</b>	(Smith, 2012, p. 3)  ("Characteristics of Dogs," 1991, p. 13)
<b>WEBSITE WITH ONE AUTHOR, UNKNOWN PUBLICATION DATE</b>  <b>WEBSITE WITH UNKNOWN AUTHOR, NO PAGE NUMBER</b>  <b>WEBSITE WITH A CORPORATE AUTHOR</b>  <b>ONLINE ARTICLE</b> Include title of page as well as author of site  <b>ELECTRONIC SOURCES</b> Treat them like print texts. The only difference is the lack of page numbers provided, although there are exceptions to this (PDF format, numbered paragraphs). <b>If there are numbered paragraphs</b> , use the abbreviation para. If you include the author's name in this reference, place a comma after the name. Do not count unnumbered paragraphs	(Penny, n.d.)  ( <i>Bigfoot Encounters</i> , 2011)  (Canadian Cancer Society, 2013)  (Canadian Cancer Society, 2013, "Family Genetics", para. 1)
<b>ONLINE IMAGE/VIDEO</b> (e.g. YouTube) If author's real name and screen name are known, use real name.  If only the author's screen name is known, use the screen name	(Smith, 2013)  (Lypur, 2008)
<b>CITING INDIRECT SOURCES</b> If you quote or paraphrase from a secondhand source, name the original work, and give a citation for the secondary source.	Brown's diary (as cited in Dixon, 2013).

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