



## Using Citations Properly: APA Format

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Citing sources within your essay:

APA Style uses **parenthetical notes** as **in-text references**, which immediately follow a **quote, paraphrase, or summary** and **identify the author** and **date for the source**. Components of **proper citation** include:

- an **introduction** to the source
- the use of **quotation marks**
- a **parenthetical note**
- the **interpretation** that follows the reference

This style of citation is typically used for Business and Science essays. Usually the author's last name and the year of publication are noted within the parenthetical citation (Author, year). In Example 1, the author's last name is used in the parenthetical note instead of the sentence. The publication year is also included as part of the citation.

### Example 1:

*The Disney animated classics are well known to millions of children across the world because of their family-oriented topics, marketing, availability, and success in the home-viewing market (Dundes, 2001).*

In Example 2, the author of the research is cited by organization rather than as an individual. On the website where this information was found, the article is credited to an organization, commonly known as the "NSF." In the citation, the full name of the organization is given with its acronym in brackets.

### Example 2:

*In 1994 two Stanford graduate students researched the possibility of using "linkages between Web pages as a ranking method" and created the Google search engine (National Science Foundation [NSF], 2008).*

## Citing sources at the end of your essay:

When you have provided citations in the body, you should also include a **References** page at the end of your essay that lists all of the referenced sources. Sources should be listed **alphabetically by the author's last name**.

### Template:

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Publication Year). Title of the Article or Chapter. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, City. Pages or Paragraph Numbers.

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial. (Publication Year). *Title of the Document*. Retrieved from Website. Pages or Paragraph Numbers.

### Example 3:

Sharke, P. (2006). Resolve to Exercise Yearly. *Design News*, v. 61 no.1. p. 12.