

## APA Style In-Text Citation

APA Style in-text citation are generally presented in the “**author(s)-year**” format. For **direct quotation** from a source with page number(s), we employ the “**author(s)-year-page number(s)**” format. The following table presents APA style in-text citation in some common situations. For more detailed examples and guidelines, please refer to the [Publication manual of the American Psychological Association \(6th ed.\)](#) available at the HKU Libraries.

Rules applied to in-text citation:		
Situation	Weak author-prominent citation	Strong author-prominent citation
<b>One author</b>  Author's <b>last name</b> , followed by the publication year	Culture is defined as the shared symbolic elements, developed over a long period of time, that are reflected by group of people/communities' adopted behaviour and social orientation styles (Swidler, 1986).	Swidler (1986) defined culture as the shared symbolic elements, developed over a long period of time, that are reflected by group of people/communities' adopted behaviour and social orientation styles.
<b>Two authors</b>  Use “&” to connect between the two authors' <b>last name</b>	The first Q&A site established in 2003 was AnswerBag. Since then, there was a rapid growth on the number of competitors (Kim & Oh, 2009).	In Kim and Oh (2009)'s paper, they mentioned that the first Q&A site established in 2003 was AnswerBag. Since then, there was a rapid growth on the number of competitors.
<b>Three to five authors</b>  Use “&” to connect between the last two authors' <b>last name</b>	Researchers discovered that 6 of the 10 sites contained wrong and misleading information from advertisement (Weitzman, Cole, Kaci & Mandl, 2011).	Health informatics Weitzman, Cole, Kaci, and Mandl (2011) studied the information quality of 10 diabetes-related social network sites, and discovered that 6 of the 10 sites contained wrong and misleading information from advertisement.
<b>Six or more authors</b>  Put “et al.” after the first author's <b>last name</b>	Cross cultural studies were conducted among caregivers of different nationalities (Shaw et al., 1997).	Shaw et al. (1997) conducted cross cultural studies among caregivers of different nationalities.

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<b>Organization as the author</b>  Organization's name can be in <b>abbreviation</b> in the second and subsequent citations	Recent statistics revealed that...(Education Bureau [EDB], 2013)  <hr/> Those statistics also supported the argument that...(EDB, 2013)	Recent statistics from Education Bureau [EDB] (2013) revealed that...  <hr/> EDB (2013) also supported that...
<b>Multiple publications written by the same author in the same year</b>  Assign a lowercase letter (starting from "a") after the publication year	...similar and relevant concepts, such as...integrated from the literature for assessing the information content of websites (Williams, Nicholas, Huntington & McLean, 2002a).  <hr/> Research revealed that inactive links...from Information Science students' perspective (Williams, Nicholas, Huntington & McLean, 2002b).	Williams, Nicholas, Huntington, and McLean (2002a) integrated similar and relevant concepts, such as...from literature for assessing the information content of websites.  <hr/> Williams, Nicholas, Huntington, and McLean's (2002b) research revealed that inactive links...from Information Science students' perspective.
<b>Several publications written by different authors supporting a collective idea</b>  Use ";" to separate each author, order the citations alphabetically based on authors' last name	...Consequently, his theory and model were further applied to cross-cultural studies to investigate occupational choices among people of different cultures over the last decade (Day & Rounds, 1998; Fouad, 2007; Furnham, 2001; Nauta, 2010; Rounds, James, Tracey & Terence, 1996; Spokane & Cruza-Guet, 2005).	Over the last decade, a number of researchers, including Day and Rounds (1998), Fouad (2007), Furnham (2001), Nauta (2010), Rounds, James, Tracey, and Terence(1996), Spokane and Cruza-Guet (2005) agreed that his theory and model were further applied to cross-cultural studies.

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<b>Multiple authors with the same last name</b>  Show authors' <b>initials</b> before their family names	Culture is an independent concept other than personality and human nature (G. Hofstede & G. J. Hofstede, 2005).	G. Hofstede and G. J. Hofstede (2005) defined culture as an independent concept other than personality and human nature.
<b>Direct quotation contained spelling error(s) from the original source</b>  Put "[sic]" (in italics) immediately after the error(s)	"The students were concerned about his <i>[sic]</i> math grade" (Smith, 1990, p. 200).	Smith (1990) indicated "the students were concerned about his <i>[sic]</i> math grade" (p. 200).
<b>Direct quotation with fewer than 40 words</b>  Put the <b>exact</b> words in <b>quotation mark</b> ; <b>Page number(s)</b> of the source, if available, must be provided	An interesting view was that "the connection of high profile developments to their surrounding environment has increasingly been questioned" (Cochrane, 2007, p. 117).	An interesting view was expressed by Cochrane (2007) that "the connection of high profile developments to their surrounding environment has increasingly been questioned" (p. 117).

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<p><b>Direct quotation with 40 words or more</b></p> <p>Begin with a <b><u>new line</u></b>;            From the <b><u>left</u></b> margin, <b><u>indent</u></b> a <b><u>half-inch space</u></b>;  <b><u>Double-space</u></b> for the entire quotation;  <b><u>Do not</u></b> use quotation mark;  <b><u>Page number(s)</u></b> of the source, if available, must be provided</p>	<p>Socialization can be defined as</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the ways people acquire the competencies required for participation in society. At the societal level, socialization helps explain how large numbers of people come to cooperate and adapt to the demands of social life. At the organizational level, it summarizes how newcomers to groups and organizations move from outsiders to participating members. At the personal level, it refers to the development of the mental, emotional, and behavioral abilities of individuals. (Zerilli, 2011, p.588)</p>	<p>Zerilli (2011) defined socialization as</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">the ways people acquire the competencies required for participation in society. At the societal level, socialization helps explain how large numbers of people come to cooperate and adapt to the demands of social life. At the organizational level, it summarizes how newcomers to groups and organizations move from outsiders to participating members. At the personal level, it refers to the development of the mental, emotional, and behavioral abilities of individuals. (Zerilli, 2011, p.588)</p>