

APA 7TH ED

(AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION)

REFERENCING SYSTEM

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Q. WHY DO YOU NEED TO REFERENCE?

A. TO SHOW YOUR TEACHER WHAT SOURCES YOU USED.

It is important that you always acknowledge another author's work when preparing an assignment. The **reference** you provide becomes the link between how you have conducted your research and what you have written. It shows your teacher the resources you have used, for example books, websites, magazines and newspaper articles, and AI.

It is also important that you do not just copy the work of another person or source and submit it as your own. This is called **plagiarism** and is a type of theft or fraud. To avoid this you create a reference list of all the material you quote and cite in your assignment.

The default referencing system at St Patrick's College is the American Psychological Association, or APA, 7th Edition.

The APA style of referencing consists of the following parts:

1. In-text citations in the body of the work. The citation is made-up of author, date and the page number for printed works. This is how your teacher is able to tell what is your work and what is someone else's work.
2. A reference list at the end of the paper which provides the full bibliographic details of all in-text citations. All references must have an in-text citation, and all in-text citations must be in the reference list. This is how your teacher is able to access the sources that you cite.

It is important to remember that you must supply a reference to any idea that is taken and you have put into your own words. You must also reference direct quotations.

Here is an example of an idea which you have taken from someone else and put into your own words, i.e., **paraphrasing** (note that the citation goes immediately after the author's name):

Weiten (2022, p. 191) states that classical conditioning is an important part of developing emotional reaction states through responses to negative stimuli.

Here is an example of a direct **quotation** (note that the citation goes at the end of the quote):

"Classical conditioning often plays a key role in shaping emotional responses, such as fear and anxiety" (Weiten, 2022, p. 191).

THE BASIC ELEMENTS FOR A REFERENCE LIST ENTRY FOR A BOOK ARE:

- Author's last name, and Initial(s).
- Year of publication (in brackets).
- *Title* – in italics, in sentence case.
- Edition – if not the first one (in brackets).
- Source - i.e. Publisher or Website.
- URL or DOI (Document Object Identifier) if required - no full stop at the end

This is how the basic elements appear in a Reference List.

Author.	(Year).	<i>Title (ed.)</i> .	Source.
Weiten, W.	(2022).	<i>Psychology: Themes & variations (11th ed.)</i> .	Cengage.

BOOK

SINGLE AUTHOR

In-text citation:

Dillon (2014, p. 330) writes that many feminist academics feel that gender is still an issue within the field of sociology.

Reference list:

Dillon, M. (2014). *Introduction to sociological theory* (2nd ed.). Wiley Blackwell.

MULTIPLE AUTHORS:

In-text citation:

Cite the names of both authors. Use 'and' when the authors' names are part of the sentence, and an ampersand (&) when authors' names are in parentheses. For three or more authors, provide the first author's name followed by et al.

Sensory, short-term, and long-term memory are "on-going and interacting processes" (Plotnik & Kouyoumdjian, 2014, p. 244).

Reference list:

List up to and including the first 21 authors in the reference entry. List names separated by a comma, with a comma and ampersand (&) between the last two names.

Plotnik, R., & Kouyoumdjian, H. (2014). *Introduction to psychology* (10th ed.). Wadsworth.

CHAPTER IN AN EDITED BOOK

An edited book is one that consists of chapters, articles, stories or content written by different authors, compiled by the editor(s). When citing from a particular chapter, only cite the author(s) of the chapter in the text, not the editor(s).

In-text citation:

"One of the common issues for modern class theorists is how to define class structure" (Western et al., 2023, p. 238).

Reference list:

Provide the reference list entry under the name of the chapter author(s). The name of the editor(s) goes in natural order.

Western, M., Baxter, J., & Germov, J. (2023). Class and inequality in Australia. In J. Germov & M. Poole (Eds.), *Public sociology: An introduction to Australian society* (5th ed., pp. 232-256). Routledge.

MULTIPLE WORKS BY THE SAME AUTHOR

Reference list:

When referencing several resources by the same author, repeat the name each time. Alphabetical order takes precedence, with single author entries listed before multiple authors, then by earliest first.

Grivas, J. (2013). *Psychology for Tasmania*. Macmillan.

Grivas, J. (2018). *Psychology: VCE units 1 and 2* (8th ed.). Jacaranda.

Grivas, J., & Lawrie, P. (1991). *Psychology: Experiments and activities*. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.

Grivas, J., & Letch, N. (2018). *Psychology: VCE units 3 and 4* (6th ed.). Jacaranda.

SECONDARY SOURCES

Sometimes you read one author (secondary) who cites another (primary) source in their work. In this example you have read Burton et al., who refer to the work of Jodie B. Ullman. You have not read Ullman's work yourself; therefore you use the phrase "as cited in".

In-text citation:

Ullman (1995, as cited in Burton et al., 2023, p. 330) proposes that integration processes for mental maps are key for recognition-by-components in perception.

Reference list:

Only reference the source you have read (the secondary source).

Burton, L., Westen, D., & Kowalski, R. (2023). *Psychology* (6th Australian & New Zealand ed.). Wiley.

ENCYCLOPEDIA

In text citation:

Where the author is identified for entries in an encyclopaedia, provide the author and year. Where the author is not identified, provide the title entry in the encyclopaedia for the article.

“Hypoglycemia is a syndrome (group of related symptoms) caused by abnormally low levels of blood sugar. It is not a disease or disorder by itself” (Frey, 2009, p. 590).

Reference list:

- Author’s last name, and Initial(s) or name of group author.
- Year of publication (in brackets).
- Title of the article.

IN

- Editor’s Initial(s) then last name - followed by (Ed.) IF PROVIDED,
- *Name of encyclopaedia* – in italics
- Edition, volume number, page numbers (in brackets).
- Source - i.e. Publisher or Website.
- For online encyclopaedia, such as World Book online, include the URL or DOI.

PRINT:

Frey, R. J. (2009). Hypoglycemia. In L. I. Lutwick (Ed.), *UXL Encyclopedia of diseases and disorders* (Vol. 3, p. 590-596). Gale Cengage Learning.

ELECTRONIC:

Barrett, E. J., & Barrett, N. A. (2025). Diabetes. In *World Book Student*. World Book. <https://www.worldbookonline.com/student-new/#/article/home/ar157400>

RELIGIOUS WORKS

In-text citation:

For direct quotations use the name of the book, chapter, verse, line and/or canto instead of page number.

“And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all those who touched it were healed” (*Holy Bible*, Luke 7:56).

Reference list

Holy Bible (NRSV Catholic Edition with encyclopaedia). (2008). Bible Society Resources.

MAGAZINES, PERIODICALS & JOURNALS

Capitalise only the first letter of the first word in the title or an article (as well as the subtitle). Capitalise the first letter of every main word in the periodical title. Online periodicals or journals require either the URL or a DOI (Document Object Identifier).

In text citation: [Print]

For print sources include the page number in the citation.

Broadfoot (2024, p. 58) writes that VX-548 is a new kind of drug that works differently from other kinds of pain relief, such as anti-inflammatories and opioids, stopping pain signals reaching the brain by blocking the sodium channels in nerve cells.

In-text citation: [Online]

Individualised dietary plans are proven to meet all nutritional needs of athletes and are essential to optimizing training routines (Fiorini et al., 2025).

Reference list:

- Author's last name, and Initial(s).
- Year of publication (in brackets) - include exact date of publication if available, or as close to as possible, or season if used instead
- Title of article.
- *Name of Journal* – in italics,

Omit any of the following details if they are not provided:

- *Volume number* – in italics
- Issue number (in brackets),
- Page numbers - don't use p. or pp.
- Article number - precede number with the word Article.

Source location:

- DOI – If a DOI is provided you do not need to provide a URL. DOIs are preferred over URLs.
- URL – Use a URL if there is no DOI. Copy the exact address as it appears in your browser window - only add retrieval date if required by your teacher.

Reference list [Print]:

Broadfoot, M. (2024, September). A new type of pain pill. *Scientific American*, 331(2), 56-63.

Reference list [Electronic]:

Fiorini, S., Guglielmetti, M., Neri, L. de C. L., Correale, L., Tagliabue, A., & Ferraris, C. (2025). Mediterranean Diet and athletic performance in elite and competitive athletes: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Nutrition, Metabolism and Cardiovascular Diseases*, Article 104165. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.numecd.2025.104165>

NEWSPAPERS IN PRINT

In-text citation:

The COVID-19 Pandemic caused some Australian ICU departments to create "surge" units of up to 8 to 10 additional beds available on demand (Booth, 2023).

Reference list:

Reference entries for newspaper articles must include the day and month of publication, as well as the year.

Booth, S. (2023, February 28). Chaos in the trauma ward. *Herald Sun*, 6.

DIGITAL SOURCES

WEB PAGE

In-text citation:

Web pages and web documents should be cited according to the name of the author(s). This can be a person, a group or an organisation. If no author is provided the in-text citation is by title entry.

“INFJ is one of the five rarest types of personality” (Fletcher & Juby, 2023).

Reference list:

Retrieval dates are no longer a core element as of APA7. Check with your teacher whether to include them or not. Retrieval dates are placed before the URL. DOIs do not ever require a retrieval date.

Fletcher, J. (Writer), & Juby, B. (Medical reviewer). (2023, August 26). *What are the rarest personality types?* PsychCentral. <https://psychcentral.com/health/rarest-personality-type>

FROM AN ORGANISATION [WITH NO DATE AND RETRIEVAL DATE]

In-text citation:

Recent studies by the National Institute of Mental Health (n.d.) have shown that different parts of the human brain grow at different times.

Reference list:

Do not duplicate the author as the publishing source if they are the same. A retrieval date has been added as there was no publication date available.

National Institute of Mental Health. (n.d.). *Brain development during childhood and adolescence*. Retrieved May 7, 2015, from <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/brain-development-during-childhood-and-adolescence/index.shtml>

ONLINE NEWS

In-text citation:

“More than 170 reports of peripheral neuropathy, peripheral sensory neuropathy, small fibre neuropathy or chronic polyneuropathy for products containing B6 have been reported to the medicines regulator” (Hartley, 2025).

Reference list

Hartley, T. (2025, June 28). *Australia's TGA issues interim report to remove supplements high in B6 from shelves as toxicity cases rise*. ABC. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-06-28/tga-takes-action-over-b6-toxicity/105470210>

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

AI tools like large language models (e.g. Chat GPT) and image generators are not considered authors under APA. Instead, cite the creators of the AI tools.

In-text citation:

World War 2 started in 1938 and ended in 1945 (Open AI, 2023).

Reference list

OpenAI. (2023, March 27). Create a historical timeline of World War 2 [Prompt]. In *ChatGPT* (14 March version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/share/2626a35d-a3d1-42a3-85c7-855647a5b1f0>

E-BOOKS

In-text citation:

“A sleeper is more easily awakened during the light phases of sleep” (Rosen, 2005, p. 23).

If an eBook is not paginated, you can cite chapters, section headings, or paragraph numbers in text, for example: (Rosen, 2005, Chapter 2, “The sleeping brain”, para. 2.)

Reference list

For books that have a DOI (Digital Object Identifier), include the DOI in the reference list entry. If no DOI is available, then the URL should be listed.

Rosen, M. (2005). *Sleep and dreaming*. Chelsea House. <https://ebooks.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wid=18694&ISBN=9781438119625>

AUDIOVISUAL SOURCES

STREAMING VIDEO

In-text citation:

A lo-fi jazz track by Chill Chill Journal (2025) was used as a stimulus to test the effect of relaxing music on mood arousal.

Reference list:

You are able to cite a producer, writer, presenter or speaker. Their role should be specified in your reference list.

As well as citing the role of the person you have referred to your in-text citation, other factors you need to be aware of include:

- Always provide information about who has uploaded the video.
- The content may be available in more than one place. Cite the source you have accessed.
- Indicate the medium in square brackets, e.g., [Video]
- If the video is from a URL that is likely to change over time, you may provide the homepage URL rather than the full URL.

Chill Chill Journal (Producer). (2025). *Why the rush? - lo-fi beats for work/study/cat jazz* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYTxPFj44uo>

FILM

In-text citation:

Louis Theroux (2025) talks about how Palestinians in the West Bank are often attacked by Israeli settlers.

Reference list:

Theroux, L. (Writer & Host), & Baker, J. (Director). (2025). *Louis Theroux: The settlers* [Documentary film]. BBC. <https://clickv.ie/w/NaQ2>

SERIES

In-text citation:

The TV series *The First Australians* shows the history of modern Australia from the viewpoint of its First Peoples (Fifer, 2008).

Reference list:

Fifer, S. J. (Executive producer). (2008). *The First Australians* [TV series]. SBS. <https://www.clickview.net/secondary/series/9580/first-australians>

EPISODES

In-text citation:

"[Intelligence is] the ability to learn from experience, solve problems, and use knowledge to adapt to new experiences" (Green, 2014).

Reference list:

Treat episodes the same as a chapter in an edited book, using "In" to show the series.

Green, H. (Host). (2014). Controversy of Intelligence (Webisode 3) [Video]. In *Complexly, Crash course psychology*. <https://clickv.ie/w/pVP2>

PODCAST OR VODCAST

In-text citation:

Many have been asking recently if we are becoming more narcissistic (Twenge, 2014).

Reference list:

Twenge, J. (Guest). (2014, May 18). The narcissism epidemic [Podcast]. In J. Malcolm (Host), *RN: All in the mind*. ABC. <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/allinthemind/the-narcissism-epidemic/5455512>

VLOG

In-text citation:

They undertook cognition testing on the International Space Station (Basner, 2015).

Reference list:

Basner, M. (2015, March 6). *Opening up the neurocognitive toolkit* [Vlog]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mD-AIAI4lls&feature=youtu.be>

IMAGES

FIGURE NUMBERS

Figure numbers should be used if your work includes a lot of images, and have to be used if it includes tables, graphs or charts. Figure numbers themselves are not part of the APA referencing system however, instead falling under APA formatting, and should not be included in your reference list.

The figure or table number sits at the top of the image, table, graph or chart that it is describing and is followed by a title or caption. Figures are numbered by the order they appear in your work. All figures must be referred to in the main body of your work. Instead of an in-text citation, refer to the content by figure number and underneath the content add a Note. to include any clarifying and/or attributing information:

Figure 1

The Scale of the Namadgi Park Fires



Note. A fire burns beyond a mountain range in Namadgi Park as seen from Mount Stromlo Observatory taken by M. Dirnberger, 2020, ABC (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-03-05/bushfirecrisis-five-big-numbers/12007716>). Copyright 2020 by Markus Dirnberger.

Reference list:

Dirnberger, M. (2020). *A fire burns beyond a mountain range in Namadgi Park as seen from Mount Stromlo Observatory* [Photograph]. ABC. <https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-03-05/bushfirecrisis-five-big-numbers/12007716>

IMAGES FROM PRINT PUBLICATIONS

If the image is created by the author of the publication (i.e. book, chapter or article) then cite that source. If the image is created by someone else, (i.e. a historical photograph, painting or video still) then treat it as a secondary source and reference the source that it appears in, that you have read.

In-text citation:

The image (Godden & Malnic, 2015, p. 80) shows Mowaljarlai, a Ngarinyin Elder, telling the oral traditions of Wandjina at Wanalirri shelter in the Kimberley.

Reference list:

Godden, E. (Author), & Malnic, J. (Photographer). (2015). *Rock paintings of Aboriginal Australia* (New Holland ed.). New Holland.

IMAGES FROM AN ONLINE SOURCE

Cite and reference the image directly, including the creator and original year it was produced. The source is the name of the site from which the photograph was retrieved.

In-text citation:

Nicky Winmar's stand (Ludbey, 1993) was an iconic moment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' fight against racism in Australian sport.

Reference list:

Ludbey, W. (Photographer). (1993, April 17). *Nicky Winmar's stand* [Photograph]. NMA. <https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/nicky-winmars-stand>

A GRAPH, TABLE OR CHART

Graphs, tables and charts are treated differently from other sources. They are referred to by figure or table number instead of an in-text citation, and also require copyright attribution to the author as well as the reference list entry.

In-text citation:

You refer to this type of source material by figure or table number in your text:

In Table 2 ABS data from 2023 shows that enrolment in Catholic schools in Australia makes up 20% of total enrolments across the country.

Figure or table with note:

Table 2. Student enrolments by school affiliation, Australia, 2000–2022¹

	2022	%	2018	%	2010	%	2000	%
Government	2,605,826	64.5	2,558,169	65.7	2,317,178	66	2,240,745	69
Catholic	795,368	19.7	765,735	19.7	702,175	20	649,491	20
Independent	641,318	15.9	569,930	14.6	491,522	14	357,220	11
Total	4,042,512	100	3,893,834	100	3,510,875	100	3,247,456	100

¹Source: ABS (2023) Schools. Available at <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/people/education/schools/latest-release>

Graphs, tables or charts also need for the source to be attributed in addition to the in-text citation, if it is not your own data and/or visualisation. Do this by adding Note. directly below the table, followed by any content relating to the figure or table, and the copyright attribution, styled as follows:

Note. ABS "Table 2: Student enrolments by school affiliation, Australia, 2000-2022," retrieved from "Inequality and education in Australia," by A. Morris, 2024, *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, 35, pp. 221–242 (<https://doi.org/10.1017/elr.2024.18>). Copyright 2024 by the Authors.

Reference list:

This type of material is often treated like a chapter in an edited book in the reference list. This is the same for both print or digital sources, with the addition of a URL if it is a digital source.

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2023). Table 2: Student enrolments by school affiliation, Australia, 2000-2022. In A. Morris. (2024). Inequality and education in Australia. *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, 35, 221–242. <https://doi.org/10.1017/elr.2024.18>

MAPS

PRINT

In-text example:

Following the 1951 annexation of Tibet, it has appeared on maps as part of the People's Republic of China (Cartographic Publishing House, 1981).

Reference list:

Cartographic Publishing House. (1981). *Map of the People's Republic of China* [Map]. China Welfare Institute.

ONLINE

PRINT

In-text example:

The main campus at St Patrick's College can be accessed via Mount Leslie Road (Google Maps, 2022).

Reference list:

Google Maps. (2022). [Aerial view map of St Patrick's College, Launceston]. Google. <https://www.google.com/maps/search/st+patrick's+college/@-41.471594,147.1225376,983m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1>

OTHER SOURCES

ABS STATISTICS

In-text citation:

According to the ABS (2025), average weekly earnings for full-time adults have increased by 4.6% to \$1,975.80.

Reference list:

If a URL directs to a page that will change or be updated, you can use a more general URL to facilitate access to the correct source. In the example below /latest-release has been removed from the URL so that the reader is sent to the directory for this report as opposed to the most recent version.

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (2024, November). *Average weekly earnings, Australia* (catalogue number 6302.0). <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-working-conditions/average-weekly-earnings-australia>

GOVERNMENT REPORTS

In-text citation:

Young people aged between 12 and 17 had the highest contact rate of any age group for seeking mental health services in 2022-23 (AIHW, 2024).

Reference list:

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. (2024, October 10). *Community mental health services* [Report]. <https://www.aihw.gov.au/mental-health/topic-areas/community-services>

CONFERENCE PAPERS

In-text citation:

Zhou (2019) provides a comprehensive theoretical overview of verbal false memory.

Reference list:

Zhou, J. (2019, March 1-3). *Explaining theories of verbal false memory* [Paper presentation]. Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Culture, Education and Economic Development of Modern Society, Moscow, Russia. <https://doi.org/10.2991/iccese-19.2019.28>

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

In-text citation:

During an interview conducted on 26 March, 2025 ...

In an email correspondence on 5 August, 2025 ...

Reference list:

You do not need to include an entry in the reference list for unpublished works.

PRIMARY RESEARCH

Some TASC courses, such as Sociology Level 3 and Psychology Level 3 require you to reference your own primary research within your Investigation Project (IP). IPs must remain anonymous, so use your TASC Student ID number instead of your name. Also include the year and month it was completed, and the title in italics for the reference, followed by the format tag [Report]. As it is not published material, there is no source for the reference.

In-text citation:

The majority of participants showed improved short-term memory improvement when using mnemonics when compared to the control group (25Z99999, 2025).

Reference list:

25Z99999. (2025, September). *The impact of mnemonics on short-term memory in adolescents* [Report].

SAMPLE APA REFERENCE LIST

Reference lists styled using APA7 are ordered alphabetically as a single continuous list containing all sources used. Some TASC courses and markers, such as Sociology and Psychology, however expect reference lists to be ordered first by format, using the headings Books, Articles or Journals, Webpages and Images. Check with your teacher if you are unsure which approach you should use.

When formatting your reference list, do not use bullet points or empty lines to separate reference entries. Apply a hanging indent using your word processing program so that the reader can easily identify the start of each reference (see below example).

APA7 does not use a “works consulted list” or a bibliography, and TASC requirements usually state to only include in the reference list sources that have been cited in the body of your work.

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