

## APA Citation How-To Video

You probably know that citing your work properly is important in order to show your prof you have academic integrity, and to allow them to find your references again. But do you know how to cite?

In this video you will learn the basics of citing a journal article in APA style.

I'll use the article "The effects of clown intervention on worries and emotional responses in children undergoing surgery" as my example.

You need to cite the article in two places in your paper.

In APA, the in-text citation sits within your paper at the end of the sentence, and usually gives the author's last name, the year of publication, and—if you've quoted from the article directly—the page number for the information you're referencing.

In this case, I'll write "Costa Fernandes ampersand Arriaga comma 2010" in brackets.

The in-text citation is a shorter reference that directs the reader to the full reference at the end of your paper.

This section at the end of your paper might be called a bibliography, works cited, or reference list, and it does just that; it lists all the references you used in your paper.

The reference list is alphabetized, and the second line and any subsequent line in each citation is indented.

APA references start with the author's last name and initials.

Within the citation, be sure to list the author names as they appear and not in alphabetical order.

So I would write Costa Fernandes, S. & Arriaga, P.

The year of publication is written in brackets and followed by a period outside the brackets.

Only give the year, not the days and months of publication.

The article title is written in plain text; it is not italicized, underlined, or bolded.

The first word of the article title is capitalized, as well as any proper nouns, otherwise all words are written in lowercase.

However, the journal title is italicized and capitalized.

The journal title is followed by a comma and the volume number, which is also italicized.

The issue number is in plain text and encased in brackets.

Note that there is no space between the volume number and the bracket.

Now you'll include the page range for the article you're citing.

In this case, 405-415.

Lastly, you'll include the DOI number for the journal article.

DOI stands for Digital Object Identifier. It is the most stable internet address for the article and you can usually find it below the article's abstract.

APA now uses DOIs instead of URLs in their citations because DOIs do not change from database to database, so it is a more reliable way to find the article again.

When creating your citations, be sure to pay close attention to the punctuation and style used to format each citation.

For more information on how to cite journal articles, or other resources, start from the library homepage at [lib.uwaterloo.ca](http://lib.uwaterloo.ca) and click on the online reference shelf link, which is 6<sup>th</sup> from the top in the right-hand menu.

Now click on the Citation/Style Guide link to find a list of resources to help you with APA citations.

If you need help with this process, you can also ask a librarian!