

## APSU Writing Center

### APA Style 7th Edition - Citing Journal Articles

#### Journal article

- **Basic Format:**

- Author(s). (Year). Title of the article. *Title of the Journal*, volume number (issue number), page range. DOI or URL

#### This resource contains examples for:

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#### 1. Journal article

- If a DOI is available, include it in the reference.
- Always include the issue number.
- If there's no DOI but the article is from an academic research database, end the reference after the page range.
- Exclude database information unless it's from a specialized source like UpToDate.
- If there's no DOI but a resolving URL (e.g., from an online journal), include it at the end.

#### Example:

Grady, J. S., Her, M., Moreno, G., Perez, C., & Yelinek, J. (2019). Emotions in storybooks: A comparison of storybooks that represent ethnic and racial groups in the United States. *Psychology of Popular Media Culture*, 8(3), 207–217. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ppm0000185>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Grady et al., 2019)
- **Narrative citation:** Grady et al. (2019)

#### 2. Journal article with an article number

- For articles with an article number instead of page range, use "Article" followed by the article number in the reference.

#### Example:

Jerrentrup, A., Mueller, T., Glowalla, U., Herder, M., Henrichs, N., Neubauer, A., & Schaefer, J. R. (2018). Teaching medicine with the help of "Dr. House." *PLoS ONE*, 13(3), Article e0193972. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0193972>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Jerrentrup et al., 2018)
- **Narrative citation:** Jerrentrup et al. (2018)

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#### 3. Journal article with missing information

- Exclude journals without volume, issue, or page numbers from the reference. If published quarterly, include the month or season with the date.
- For articles awaiting the volume, issue, or page numbers assignment, follow the format for advanced online publication or in-press articles as per the Publication Manual.

#### Missing volume number

Lipscomb, A. Y. (2021, Winter). Addressing trauma in the college essay writing process. *The Journal of College Admission*, (249), 30–33.

[https://www.catholiccollegesonline.org/pdf/national\\_ccaa\\_in\\_the\\_news\\_-\\_nacac\\_journal\\_of\\_college\\_admission\\_winter\\_2021.pdf](https://www.catholiccollegesonline.org/pdf/national_ccaa_in_the_news_-_nacac_journal_of_college_admission_winter_2021.pdf)

#### Missing issue number

Sanchiz, M., Chevalier, A., & Amadiou, F. (2017). How do older and young adults start searching for information? Impact of age, domain knowledge and problem complexity on the different steps of information searching. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 72, 67–78.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chb.2017.02.038>

#### Missing page or article number

Butler, J. (2017). Where access meets multimodality: The case of ASL music videos. *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy*, 21(1).

<http://technorhetoric.net/21.1/topoi/butler/index.html>

- **Parenthetical citations:** (Butler, 2017; Lipscomb, 2021; Sanchiz et al., 2017)
- **Narrative citations:** Butler (2017), Lipscomb (2021), and Sanchiz et al. (2017)

#### 4. Retracted journal article

- To cite a retracted article, first, provide publication details of the original article. Then, in parentheses, include retraction information such as year, journal, volume, issue, and page number(s).

Joly, J. F., Stapel, D. A., & Lindenberg, S. M. (2008). Silence and table manners: When environments activate norms. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 34(8), 1047–1056.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0146167208318401> (Retraction published 2012, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 38[10], 1378)

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Joly et al., 2008)
- **Narrative citation:** Joly et al. (2008)



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#### 5. Retraction notice for a journal article

- To cite a retraction notice, reproduce its title as presented, which may contain terms like "retraction," "retraction notice," or "retraction note," alongside the original article's title. Determine the author from the notice, which could be an editor, editorial board, or some/all article authors.

de la Fuente, R., Bernad, A., Garcia-Castro, J., Martin, M. C., & Cigudosa, J. C. (2010). Retraction: Spontaneous human adult stem cell transformation. *Cancer Research*, 70(16), 6682. <https://doi.org/10.1158/0008-5472.CAN-10-2451>

The Editors of the Lancet. (2010). Retraction—Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children. *The Lancet*, 375(9713), 445. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(10\)60175-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(10)60175-4)

- **Parenthetical citations:** (de la Fuente et al., 2010; The Editors of the Lancet, 2010)
- **Narrative citations:** de la Fuente et al. (2010) and The Editors of the Lancet (2010)

#### 6. Abstract of a journal article from an abstract indexing database

- If the entire article is not available, citing the abstract is acceptable. The reference structure follows that of a standard journal article.
- If the abstract includes a database accession number, include it in parentheses after the title.
- If you only access the abstract, preface the title with "Abstract from" followed by the name of the abstract indexing database in square brackets. Use the database's term for accession numbers (e.g., PubMed IDs) in your reference.

Hare, L. R., & O'Neill, K. (2000). Effectiveness and efficiency in small academic peer groups: A case study (Accession No. 200010185) [Abstract from Sociological Abstracts]. *Small Group Research*, 31(1), 24–53. <https://doi.org/10.1177/104649640003100102>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Hare & O'Neill, 2000)
- **Narrative citation:** Hare and O'Neill (2000)

#### 7. Monograph as part of a journal issue

- For monographs with an issue (or whole) number, include the issue number in parentheses followed by the serial number (e.g., 58(1, Serial No. 231)).
- If the monograph is bound separately as a supplement to a journal, include the issue number and supplement or part number in parentheses after the volume number (e.g., 80(3, Pt. 2)).

Ganster, D. C., Schaubroeck, J., Sime, W. E., & Mayes, B. T. (1991). The nomological validity of the Type A personality among employed adults [Monograph]. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 76(1), 143–168. <http://doi.org/10.1037/0021-9010.76.1.143>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Ganster et al., 1991)
- **Narrative citation:** Ganster et al. (1991)

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#### 8. Online-only supplemental material to a journal article

- The reference format is akin to a journal article.
- Add "[Supplemental material]" after the article title.
- If citing both the main article and supplemental material, provide a reference solely for the article.

Freeberg, T. M. (2019). From simple rules of individual proximity, complex and coordinated collective movement [Supplemental material]. *Journal of Comparative Psychology*, *133*(2), 141–142.  
<https://doi.org/10.1037/com0000181>

- **Parenthetical citation:** (Freeberg, 2019)
- **Narrative citation:** Freeberg (2019)



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