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Remember: APA is simply a standard style of providing information to your reader.





The important elements of an APA In-text Citation or reference are

Author, Date, Page number

APA	Format	Reference example	In-text example
Blog Post	Author's Last Name, Initials (or Screen Name). (Post Date -Year, Month Day). <i>Title of blog message</i> : Subtitle of posting [Web log message]. Retrieved from http://xxx.xx	Lee, C. (2010, November 18). APA Style Blog: <i>How to Cite Something You Found on a Website in APA Style</i> [Web log post]. Retrieved 27 Feb 2016, from http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/2010/11/how-to-cite-something-you-found-on-a-website-in-apa-style.html	(Lee, 2010)
Email	<i>In text citation only</i> (personal communication, Month Day, Year)	(personal communication, January 26th, 2016)	(personal communication, January 26th, 2016)
Facebook post	Username. (Year, Month Day). Enter Facebook post here. [Facebook update]. Retrieved from http://www.facebook.com	Gaiman, N. [Neil]. (2012, February 29). Please celebrate Leap Year Day in the traditional manner by taking a writer out for dinner. It's been four years since many authors had a good dinner. We are waiting. Many of us have our forks or chopsticks at the [Facebook status update]. Retrieved from https://www.facebook.com/neilgaiman/posts/10150574185041016	(Gaiman, 2012)
Tweet	Twitter handle. (Year, Month Day). Enter tweet message here. Retrieved from http://www.twitter.com	Gates, B. [BillGates]. (2013, February 26). #Polio is 99% eradicated. Join me & @FCBarcelona as we work to finish the job and #EndPolio. VIDEO: http://b-gat.es/X75Lvy [Tweet]. Retrieved from https://twitter.com/BillGates/status/306195345845665792	(Gates, 2013)
Youtube video	Lastname, First initial. (Year, Month Day). <i>Title of video</i> [video File]. Retrieved from https://Videosource.com/specificURL	<i>How to learn the Jive with Dee Thresher and Jesus Reyes Ortiz</i> [Video file]. (2012, October 4). Retrieved from https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YkibY8GgS2E	(How to learn the Jive with Dee Thresher and Jesus Reyes Ortiz, 2012)

Note: Capitals, italics, brackets, even full stops, commas, and spaces are as important in the format as the author's name (or username or handle), plus the date and title of the resource.

These formats must be followed exactly (or it is not an APA reference or citation).

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CITEFAST.COM	HTTP://WWW.CITEFAST.COM/ INTERACTIVE TOOL WITH REGISTRATION OPTIONAL – PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FEATURES	
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