



How to Cite an Electronic Journal

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What is a Citation?

A *Citation* refers to someone who said or wrote something that you are quoting. It could be anything from “John at work told me this joke” to quoting Ecclesiastes 12:10; or borrowing an idea from a writer of an article or website. By *Citing a Source* you are letting people know where you found the information. By not citing a source in research and career, that is plagiarism.

Here is how you recognize an APA (American Psychological Association) electronic journal citation:

Notess, G. R. (2013). Sighting cites and citing sites. *Online Searcher*, 37(3), 62-64.
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Think of APA meaning “**A**uthor **P**recedes **A**ll”. This way, you know the author’s name is **always first** on the citation.

The Author’s *Last Name* is Notess.

The Author’s First and Middle Name in APA is always represented by initials.

Notess, G. R.

Memory hint:

Once you know my APA memory tool of **A**uthor **P**roceeds **A**ll, think of APA as
Author **P**ublished an **A**rticle.



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From here, the next clue is the title of the journal, magazine or newspaper where the article is located.

That is easy as the Journal names are the *Italicized Words*.



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How do you know where to write the Publication name?

Now that you memorized APA as Author Published an Article,
include another P on APA and you have APAP, or
Author Published an Article in a Publication (or Periodical).



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(A Periodical is a newspaper, magazine or journal and may be known as a Publication).

When an **A**uthor **P**ublished an **A**rticle in a **P**ublication (or **P**eriodical), he or she becomes a **V**ery **I**mportant **P**erson or **VIP**.

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VIP may be remembered as Volume, Issue and Pages. That is what you have to write after APAP.

Volume **I**ssue **P**ages



37



(3),



62-64.

The Volume number is italicized. How do you remember to italicize the Volume number?

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Remember that the name of the Publication (Periodical) *leans into* the Volume number, but that the Issue number is protected from it by a parenthesis.

This is what we know:

Author Published an Article in a Publication
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now a Very Important Person

V I P
37(3), 62-64.

Then, you have to write where you Retrieved the information.

Retrieved from:

Name of Database or

Name of Journal or

Name of Website Address or

Name of DOI

Other rules:

If there is no author, then APA could be remembered as
Article Precedes All.

If there is no date, write (n.d.)

For Example,

How to cite graphs. (n.d.)

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Do you remember the memory prompts?

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