



Common Questions about APA Documentation

1. How to cite a source in-text with no author present?

Use the title of the article as the author. Refer to page 293 from "The Writer's Reference" 8th ed.

The body's basal metabolic rate, or BMR, is a resource of its at-rest energy requirement ("Exercise", 2003).

2. How to cite an online source with no author but has an organization name?

Use the name of the organization as the author and place it in quotation marks. Refer to page 491 from "The Writer's Reference" 8th ed.

"National Association for Social Workers has provided members with a wealth of information and resources on HIPAA as it relates to social work practice" (National Association for Social Workers, 2016, HIPPA Highlights for Social Workers section, para. 2).

3. How to cite a source that has no page numbers?

Use the paragraph number of the article to indicate where this information is located. Refer to page 493 from "The Writer's Reference" 8th ed.

Hoppin and Taveras (2004) pointed out that several other medication were classified by the Drug Enforcement Administration as having "potential for abuse" (Weight-Loss Drug section, para. 6).

4. How to cite an online video (TedTalk/YouTube)?

TedTalk

Reference:

Palmer, A. (2013, February). *Amanda Palmer: The art of asking* [Video file]. Retrieved from

https://www.ted.com/talks/amanda_palmer_the_art_of_asking

In-text citation: Palmer (2013) or (Palmer, 2013)

Note: the TED page and the video itself give only "February" as the date, so that's what you can include in the reference. (As an aside, you'll note that Amanda Palmer's name is also included in the title. It is included because her name is part of the title itself.)

Youtube

Reference:

TED. (2013, March 1). *Amanda Palmer: The art of asking* [Video file]. Retrieved from

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMj_P_6H69g

In-text citation:

TED (2013) or (TED, 2013)

YouTube shows the date that the video was posted as March 1, 2013, so that's the date to use in this reference.

The author name is TED in this case because the TED organization posted the video to YouTube, and that's the information your reader needs to retrieve the reference.

Helpful Reminders:

Always include a page number or paragraph number after a direct quote.

When you are paraphrasing or summarizing, although it is not required, APA "encourages" you to add the page number if available or the paragraph number from the cited source.