

APA Helpful Hints



1 Use Correct APA Citation

- Only include the author's first name initial. For example, the author is Liz Hollingsworth. In the citation, only write L.
- Only capitalize the FIRST WORD in the title.
- Italicize the journal title or book title.

2 Correct Citation Example on a Reference Page

Hollingsworth, L (2007). Five ways to prepare for standardized tests without sacrificing best practice. *The Reading Teacher*. 61, 339-342.

3 Correct In-Text Citation

When preparing students for standardized testing in reading, the teacher must define what reading is according to the test and introduce the students to the content represented on the assessment (Hollingsworth, 2007).

4 Citing 2 Authors

When citing 2 authors in text, use both last names and the & symbol. Example:
(Hart & Risley, 1995)

5 Citing 3 or More Authors

When citing three or more authors in-text, use all the last names in the first citation of the paper. After the first citation, only use the first author's last name and *et.al* to signify the other authors.

First citation in paper example: (Jones, Smith, Black, Boyd, & Wells, 2005).

Citation after the authors have all been named: (Jones et al., 2005)

6 Helpful Websites:

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