

**Basic APA (7th) Citing Guide**

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Geldenhuys, M. J., & Downing, C. (2020). Evidence-based nursing care for spinal nursing immobilization: a systematic review. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 46(3), 318–337. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jen.2020.02.007>

In-text citation (parenthetical or narrative):

(Geldenhuys & Downing, 2020) or Geldenhuys and Downing (2020)

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Stevenson, R. L. (2007). *Treasure island.* Oxford University Press.

In-text citation (Stevenson, 2007) or Stevenson (2007)

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Chapter author. (Date). *Title of chapter*. In E. E. Editor (Ed.), Title of book

(edition, page number(s)). Publisher. DOI or URL

Aron, L., Botella, M., & Lubart, T. (2019). *Culinary arts: Talent and their development.* In R. F. Subotnik, P. Olszewski-Kubilius, & F. C. Worrell (Eds.), The psychology of high performance: Developing human potential into domain-specific talent (pp. 345–359). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000120-016>

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Bible/religious work

King James Bible. (2017). King James Bible Online. https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/ (Original work published 1769).

In-text citation (King James Bible, 1769/2017) or King James Bible (1769/2017)

Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Thesaurus entry

Institution or organization name. (Year). Title of entry. In *Title of reference work*. URL

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Online Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Thesaurus

Merriam-Webster. (n.d.). Ethics. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary*. Retrieved September 9, 2022, from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/ethics>

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Schaeffer, K. (2021, October 1). *What we know about online learning and the homework gap amid the pandemic.* Pew Research Center. <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/10/01/what-we-know-about-online-learning-and-the-homework-gap-amid-the-pandemic/>

In-text citation (Schaeffer, 2021) or Schaeffer (2021)

Webpage (group or organization author)

World Health Organization. (2022, September 23). *New recommendations for the composition of influenza vaccines in 2023 for the southern hemisphere* <https://www.who.int/news/item/23-09-2022-new-recommendations-for-the-composition-of-influenza-vaccines-in-2023-for-the-southern-hemisphere>

In-text citation (World Health Organization, 2022) or World Health Organization (2022)

News website

Ott, H. (2022, September 29). *Queen Elizabeth II's cause of death confirmed as Scottish authorities publish death certificate.* CBS News. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/queen-elizabeth-ii-cause-of-death-published/>

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Webpage with no date

U.S. Census Bureau. (n.d.). *U.S. and world population clock.* U.S. Department of Commerce. Retrieved October 10, 2022 from <https://www.census.gov/popclock/>

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Single author: (Meehan, 2016)

Two authors: (Lor & Erickson, 2021)

Multiple authors: (Kvam et al., 2013)

**Narrative**

Single author: Meehan (2016)

Two authors: Lor and Erickson (2021)

Multiple authors: Kvam et al. (2013)

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