

MLA STYLE IN-TEXT CITATIONS

What is an in-text citation?

It allows you to refer to the work of others in your paper.

It includes a combination of a signal phrase and parenthetical reference.

You do not need to give sources for familiar proverbs, well-known quotations or common knowledge.

Parenthetical reference

(Name 77) appears in your paper next to the information you have taken from one of your sources
an author's last name and the page on which you found the information

The parenthetical citation **directly** follows the quotation or borrowed information.

Human beings have been described by Kenneth Burke as "symbol-using animals" (3).

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Burke, Kenneth. *Language as Symbolic Action: Essays on Life, Literature, and Method*. Berkeley: U of California P, 1966.

EXAMPLE

A recent study determined that Himalayan brown bears eat both plants and animals (**Rathore and Chauhan 6652**).



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Quoting Directly

In-text citations include the last name of the author followed by a page number enclosed in parentheses.

"Here's a direct quote" (Smith 8).

If the author's name is not given, then use the first word or words of the title. Follow the same formatting that was used in the works cited list. ("Trouble" 22).

Paraphrasing

Paraphrasing from One Page

Mother-infant attachment became a leading topic of developmental research following the publication of John Bowlby's studies ([Hunt 65](#)).

Paraphrasing from Multiple Pages

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Indirect Sources with 'qtd. in'

Sources that are paraphrased or quoted in other sources

Kumashiro notes that lesbian and bisexual women of colour are often excluded from both queer communities and communities of colour (qtd. in Dua 188).

In this case, you would also need to cite Dua in your works cited list.

No Page Numbers

When you quote from electronic sources that do not provide page numbers (like Web pages), cite the author name only.

"Three phases of the separation response: protest, despair, and detachment" (Garelli).

Signal Phrases

Signal phrases usually include the author's name and a verb to introduce the material. Using the author's name in the phrase allows you to keep the parenthetical citation brief.

Verbs to Use in Signal Phrases

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| Acknowledges | Argues | Asserts | Believes |
| Claims | Contends | Illustrates | Notes |
| Observes | Points out | Refutes | Reports |
| States | Suggests | Thinks | Writes |

Citing two articles by the same author

Visual studies, because it is such a new discipline, may be "too easy" (Elkins, "Visual Studies" 63)

Citing **non-print** or sources from the Internet

Include in the text the first item that appears in the Work Cited entry that corresponds to the citation (e.g. author name, article name, website name, film name).

Do not include URLs **in-text**

DOI (digital object identifier) or URL?

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Print sources with no known author

We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("[Impact of Global Warming](#)").

"**The** Impact of Global Warming in North America." *Global Warming: Early Signs*. 1999. <http://www.climatehotmap.org/>. Accessed 23 Mar. 2009.

Citing authors with same last names

Although some medical ethicists claim that cloning will lead to designer children (R. Miller 12), others note that the advantages for medical research outweigh this consideration (A. Miller 46).

PICTURE

If the image appears in your paper the full citation appears underneath the image

not need to be included in the Works Cited List.

Picture not including in your paper you must provide an in-text citation and include an entry in the Bibliography.



Fig. 1. Man exercising from: Green, Annie. "Yoga: Stretching Out." *Sports Digest*, 8 May 2006, p. 22.

Bibliography – Source list

Book Referencing Example

Author name. *Title*. Version, Publisher, Year of Publication.

Mitchell, James A. *A Guide to Citation*. 2nd ed, My London Publisher, 2017.

Entire Web Site Referencing Example

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). ***Name of Site***. **Version number**, **Name of institution/organization** affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), **date of resource creation** (if available), **URL, DOI or permalink**. **Date of access** (if applicable).

DOI (digital object identifier) or URL?

An Image (Including a Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph)

Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine*. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. *The Artchive*, www.artchive.com/artchive/K/klee/twittering_machine.jpg.html. Accessed May 2006.

1922 - the date of creation

Museum of modern art - the institution and city where the work is housed

The Artchive – name of webpage

If the work is cited on the web only, then provide the name of the artist, the title of the work, and then follow the citation format for a website

An Article in a Web Magazine

Provide the author name, article name in quotation marks, title of the web magazine in italics, publisher name, publication date, URL, and the date of access.

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 16 Aug. 2002, alistapart.com/article/writeliving. Accessed 4 May 2009.