This guide contains instructions for what to do when a resource you are citing is missing one or more citation elements. Refer to the "Reference List Examples APA 7" worksheet for information on how to create full APA citations.

Missing Element	Solution	Reference List Entry	In-Text Citation
All elements are present	Provide author, date, title, and source of work	Author. (Date). Title. Source.	(Author, year)
Author	Provide the title, date, and source.	Title. (Date). Source.	(Title, year)
Date	Provide the author, write "n.d." for "no date," and then provide the title and the source.	Author. (n.d.). Title. Source.	(Author, n.d.)
Title	Provide the author and date, describe the work in square brackets, and then provide the source.	Author. (Date). [Description of work]. Source.	(Author, year)
Author and date	Provide the title, write "n.d." for "no date," and then provide the source.	Title. (n.d.). Source.	(Title, n.d.)
Author and title	Describe the work in square brackets, and then provide the date and source.	[Description of work]. (Date). Source.	([Description of work], year)
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Source	Cite as a personal communication or find another work to cite (see the *Publication Manual* for more information).	No reference list entry.	(C.C. Communicator, personal communication, month day, year)