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Two authors	Young and Smith (2011) offer a novel explanation for the increase in tattooing.	One study offers a novel explanation for the increase in tattooing (Young & Smith, 2011).
Three or more authors et al. means "and others"	Chung et al. (1992) found that the presence of grandparents in the home decreased sibling rivalry.	A study confirmed that the presence of grandparents in the home reduced sibling rivalry (Chung et al., 1992).
No author given. (This is an example of a reference work.)		In social media, filter bubbles build upon existing confirmation bias ("Confirmation Bias," 2020).
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How to get APA references, and create in-text citations

1. Create a reference for the source in APA style (7th edition).

- Start with the automatic APA reference given in **MegaSearch** or another library database. You can email this to yourself.
- Double-check these elements
 - The **article title** should be in **sentence case** (mostly lower case).
 - Author names should give the first name and the middle name (if given) as initials: **Smith, B. T.**
 - If a name is in ALL CAPS, you need to correct this.

- **Example for a journal article**

Mulnix, J. W. (2012). Thinking critically about critical thinking. *Educational Philosophy & Theory*, 44(5), 464–479.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1469-5812.2010.00673.x>

- **Recipe for a journal article**

Author, A. A. (Year). The article title is capitalized like this: Mostly lower case. *The Journal Name Is Like This Vol#(Issue#), page-page. Insert a live link using the article's DOI*

- Optional: replace the **DOI** with the **permalink** from MegaSearch. This will let you return to the article easily. The official APA style says to use DOIs, but for student papers permalinks will be more useful. Ask your instructor.

2. Accurately paraphrase the source, then insert an in-text citation.

- Use one of these styles:
 - **Narrative citation**: this is written as part of your text. Usually, it introduces your paraphrase
 - **Parenthetical citation**: the citation is contained in parentheses. Normally, it follows your paraphrase.
- Count the number of personal authors in the reference. Then find an example in the table above, for **one, two, or three or more** authors. Add the publication **year**. (Give the year only, not the month or day.)

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3. Pay attention to the details in the in-text citation.

- Notice where the **periods** and **commas** belong.
- Notice **"and"** vs. **"&"**
- The author's **initials are not used in in-text citations** (except for special situations).