APA in Minutes: In-Text Citations Video Transcript

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This video will show you the basics on how to create an in-text citation in APA format.

An in-text citation is a short citation that refers the reader to the full reference at the end your paper.

Anytime you paraphrase or quote someone else's words or ideas within the body of your paper you must give credit to the original author.

A basic in-text citation will commonly include the author's last name, year of publication and the page number.

When quoting an author's exact words place quotation marks around the text then include your in-text citation. Begin with the authors last name, comma the year publication, comma and the page number preceded by the letter p. Surround in parentheses and followed by a period.

If you summarize an author's idea using your own words this is a paraphrase. A paraphrase still requires an in-text citation.

When paraphrasing you do not include quotation marks. Begin your in-text excitation with the author's last name, comma, the year publication, comma, and page number, surround in parentheses, and complete with a period.

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Place the page number at the end of your sentence to complete your in-text citation. You do not need to repeat the author's name or date.

For two authors use an ampersand after the first author's name. For three to five authors place a comma after each author and include an ampersand before the last author is listed.

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