

# APA Citation Basics

6<sup>th</sup> Edition

This guide will provide information about:

- Understanding the fundamentals of APA citations, including:
  - Capitalization rules
  - Author formatting
  - Organizing a reference list
  
- APA citation examples of source types, including:
  - Popular and scholarly sources
  - Audiovisual media
  
- Tips and examples for citing online sources
  
- Creating parenthetical, in-text citations, including:
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# APA Citation Fundamentals

Generally, APA citations require some or all of the following bibliographic data:

- Author
- Title
- Publication year
- Publication month and date
- Publisher
- City and state of publication
- Page or paragraph numbers

## Contributor Information & Titles

The main contributors to the source, normally the authors, are placed first in the citation. All author names are formatted by last name, followed by the first and middle (if available) initial of the author. If there is more than one author, arrange them in the same order as found in the source. (For more information, see the APA's Publication Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition, 6.27.)

One author	Last, F. M.
Two authors	Last, F. M., & Last, F. M.
Three to seven authors	Last, F. M., Last, F. M., & Last, F. M.
Seven or more authors	Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., Last, F. M., . . . Last, F. M.

\*For sources with 7+ authors: list the first six authors, insert ellipses, then insert the last author listed in the source.

Sometimes there are other contributors to a work, such as an editor. If there is an editor but no author, place the editor's name in the author's position of the citation and add "(Ed.)" or "(Eds.)" after the last editor's name.

Editor, no author	Editor, F. M., & Editor, F. M. (Eds.). (Year). <i>Title of work</i> . Location: Publisher.
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For works with an author *and* an editor – such as an article in an edited anthology – place the editor's name(s), uninverted, before the source's title. Note: The name(s) should be preceded by "In" and followed by the source title.

Author and editor	Author, F. M. (Year). Title of chapter. In F. M. Editor (Ed.), <i>Title of work</i> (pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher.
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Do not include author credentials (e.g., Ph.D, M.D.) in your citations.

## Organizing Your Bibliography

Arrange citation entries in a reference list alphabetically by author's last name.

Chan, D.  
Gover, E.  
Kalita, R.  
Parekh, R.  
Selleck, A. C.

Multiple works by different authors with the same last name should be alphabetized by the author's first initial:

Kessman, J.  
Kessman, R.

If a work is authored by a group or corporation, alphabetize it by the first main word in the group's name.

Alberto, A.  
Association of National Advertisers.  
Covert, K.  
Ikemoto, W.

## Capitalization Rules

Capitalization in APA style varies based on the source you are citing.

### Article or chapter titles:

- Capitalize the first letter of the first word of the title and any subtitles after a colon, as well as the first letter of any proper nouns.

### Journal, newspaper or magazine titles (periodical works):

- Include the entire title in uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Italicize the title.

### Book or report titles (nonperiodical works):

- Capitalize the first word in the title and subtitle, and any proper nouns.
- Italicize the title.
- If the work includes an edition or volume number, include it in parentheses after the title.

# APA Examples of Popular Sources

## Book

APA Author, F. M. (Year of publication). *Book title: Subtitle*. City, State: Publisher.

Ex: Green, J. (2012). *The fault in our stars*. New York, NY: Dutton Books.

## Chapter/Anthology

APA Author, F. M. (Year of publication). Title of chapter. In F. M. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (pp. xx-xx). Location: Publisher.

Ex: Melville, H. (1989). Hawthorne and his mosses. In N. Baym (Ed.), *The Norton anthology of American literature* (pp. 5-25). New York, NY: W. W. Norton.

## Magazine

APA Author, F. M. (Year, month of publication). Article title. *Magazine Title, Volume*(Issue), pp-pp.

Ex: Winerman, L. (2013, June). Breaking free from addiction. *Monitor on Psychology, 44*(6), 30-34.

## Newspaper

APA Author, F. M. (Year, month date of publication). Article title. *Newspaper title*, pp. xx-xx.

Ex: Bowman, L. (1990, March 7). Bills target Lake Erie mussels. *The Pittsburgh Press*, pp. A4.

## Journal (online)

APA Author, F. M. (Publication year). Article title. *Journal title*, *Volume*(Issue), pp.-pp. doi:xx.xxxxx **OR** Retrieved from journal URL

Ex: Trier, J. (2007). "Cool" engagements with YouTube: Part 2. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, 50(7), 598-603. doi:10.1598/JAAL.50.7.8

\*Database name and retrieval date are not required in APA journal article citations.

## Journal (print)

APA Author, F. M. (Publication year). Article title. *Periodical title*, *Volume*(Issue), pp.-pp.

Ex: Lin, M. G., Hoffman, E. S., & Borengasser, C. (2013). Is social media too social for class? A case study of Twitter use. *TechTrends*, 57(2), 39-45.

## Website

APA Author, F. M. (Year, month date of publication). Article title. Retrieved from URL

Ex: Limer, E. (2013, October 1). Heck yes! The first free wireless plan is finally here. Retrieved from <http://gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597>

## TV/Radio Show

APA Writer, F. M. (Writer), & Director, F. M. (Director). (Year of airing). Episode title [Television series episode]. In F. M. Producer (Executive producer), *TV series name*. City, State of original channel: Channel.

Ex: Dick, L. (Writer), & Yaitanes, G. (Director). (2009). Simple explanation [Television series episode]. In P. Attanasio (Executive producer), *House, M.D.* Los Angeles, CA: Fox Broadcasting Company.

## Film

APA      Producer, F. M. (Producer), & Director, F. M. (Director). (Release year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio.

Ex:      Stiller, B. (Producer) & Ayoade, R. (Director). (2011). *Submarine* [Motion picture]. United Kingdom: Film4 Productions.

## Audio recording

APA      Songwriter, F. M. (Copyright year). Song title [Recorded by F. M. Last (performer's name)]. On *Album title* [Medium of recording]. City, State of label: Record label name.

Ex:      Turner, A. (2013). Do I wanna know? [Recorded by Arctic Monkeys]. On *AM* [MP3 file]. London, England: Domino Records.

\*If the songwriter and performer are the same person, leave out the bracketed data [Recorded by \_\_\_\_] following the song title.

## Online lecture slides

APA      Author, F. M. (Publication year). *Name or title of lecture* [file format]. Retrieved from URL

Ex:      Jacobson, T. E. & Mackey, T. (2013). *What's in a name?: Information literacy, metaliteracy, or transliteracy* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://www.slideshare.net/tmackey/acrl-2013>

## Thesis/dissertation

APA      Author, F. M. (Publication year). *Title of dissertation/thesis* (Doctoral dissertation **or** Master's thesis). Retrieved from Name of database. (Accession **or** Order No.)

Ex:      Knight, K. A. (2011). *Media epidemics: Viral structures in literature and new media* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from MLA International Bibliography database. (Accession No. 2013420395)

# APA Web Rules

APA provides citation formats for many different source types found on the web, such as online newspapers, encyclopedias and blogs.

Here are some tips for citing sources you find on the web:

### All sources

- Only include retrieval date information if the source's information is likely to change (i.e., wikis).
  - Format it as follows: Retrieved Month Date, Year, from <http://xxxxx>
- If a URL runs across multiple lines of text in the citation, break the URL off before punctuation (e.g., periods, forward slashes) – *except* <http://>.

### Journal/newspaper articles

- Include the DOI (digital object identifier) in the citation.
  - Format it as follows: doi:xxxxx
- If no DOI is provided, include the URL of the *homepage* for the journal that published the article.
  - Format it as follows: Retrieved from <http://www.xxxxx>
- Do not include database information.

*\*Note: Purdue OWL includes database information, but the APA Publication Manual (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) does not. Check with your instructor to see if they require database and/or retrieval information.*

### General websites

- If the source is not easily identified as an online:
  - Periodical
  - Book/chapter
  - Reference work
  - Government document
  - Conference paper/proceeding
  - Thesis/dissertation
  - Review
  - Audiovisual media
  - Internet message board/ mailing list post
  - Blog post
  - Software, data set, training video **or**
  - Informally published work

...cite it as a general website.

- For example, websites like TechCrunch and Gizmodo regularly publish articles, but are considered neither a blog, nor an online newspaper. These would be general websites.
- Only include retrieval date information if the source is likely to change over time (i.e., wikis).
  - Format it as follows: Retrieved Month Date, Year, from <http://xxxxx>

## Examples of citations for a/an:

### General website article with an author

Limer, E. (2013, October 1). Heck yes! The first free wireless plan is finally here. Retrieved from <http://gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597>

### General website article with no author

India: Country specific information. (2013, October 3). Retrieved 2013, October 23 from [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1139.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1139.html)

\*Include the retrieval date and URL if the information on the site may change (this website includes information about laws, which can change over time).

### Online newspaper article

Kaplan, K. (2013, October 22). Flu shots may reduce risk of heart attacks, strokes and even death. *Los Angeles Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.latimes.com>

\*Include the homepage URL of the online newspaper at the end of your citation.

### Journal article (found in a database or elsewhere online)

Trier, J. (2007). "Cool" engagements with YouTube: Part 2. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, 50(7), 598-603. doi:10.1598/JAAL.50.7.8

### Online encyclopedia article

Musser, G. (2013). Hedgehog. In *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Retrieved from <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/259273/hedgehog>

### Blog post

Silver, N. (2013, July 15). Senate control in 2014 increasingly looks like a tossup [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/07/15/senate-control-in-2014-increasingly-looks-like-a-tossup/>

# APA Parenthetical Citations

## Why we include parenthetical/in-text citations

Researchers include brief parenthetical citations in their writing to acknowledge references to other people's work. Generally, APA parenthetical citations include the last name of the author and year of publication. Page numbers are also included when citing a direct quote.

If some of this information is included in the body of the sentence, exclude it from the parenthetical citation. In-text citations typically appear at the end of the sentence, between the last word and the period.

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## Parenthetical citation without author's name in the text:

Harlem had many artists and musicians in the late 1920s (Belafonte, 2008).

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## Parenthetical citation when author is mentioned in the text:

According to Belafonte, Harlem was full of artists and musicians in the late 1920s (2008).

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## Parenthetical citations with multiple authors

### Works with two authors:

- Include both names, separated by an ampersand (&).

Rallying to restore sanity was a revolutionary undertaking (Stewart & Colbert, 2010).

### Works with three to five authors:

- Include all names in the first in-text parenthetical citation, separated by commas and then an ampersand (&).
- For all subsequent in-text parenthetical citations, include only the first author, followed by "et al." and publication year if it is the first citation in a paragraph.

### First in-text parenthetical citation:

Rallying to restore sanity was a revolutionary undertaking (Stewart, Colbert, & Oliver, 2010).

### All subsequent in-text parenthetical citations:

The event resulted in thousands of participants flocking to the National Mall in support of the cause (Stewart et al. 2010).

## Works with six or more authors:

- Include only the last name of the first author, followed by “et al.” and publication year in all parenthetical citations.

The study did not come to any definitive conclusions (Rothschild et al., 2013).

## Citing sources without an author

If a work has no author, include the first few words of the bibliography entry (in many cases, the title) and the year.

- Use double quotations around the titles of articles, chapters and/or websites

Statistics confirm that the trend is rising (“New Data,” 2013).

*\*Note: Unlike in your reference list, parenthetical citations of articles, chapters and/or website should have all major words capitalized.*

- Italicize the titles of periodicals, books, brochures or reports

The report includes some bleak results (*Information Illiteracy in Academia*, 2009).

See Table 6.1 in the APA Publication Manual (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) for more information on formatting parenthetical citations.

## Citing part of a work

When citing a specific part of a work, provide the relevant page number or section identifier, such as chapters, tables or equations. Direct quotes should always have page numbers.

One of the most memorable quotes is when he says, “You are going to live a good and long life filled with great and terrible moments that you cannot even imagine yet!” to Augustus (Green, 2012, p. 272).

*Continued...*



If the source does not include page numbers (such as online sources), you can reference specific parts of the work by referencing the:

- Paragraph number (if given) with the abbreviation “para. xx”

He quickly learned that pandas were not considered good pets (Chan, 2011, para. 3).

- Section or heading and the number of the paragraph in which the information is found
  - For lengthy headings, use the first few words of the title in the parenthetical citation

The sample population included both red and giant pandas (Chan, 2011, Methodology section, para. 1).

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## Citing groups or corporate authors

Corporations, government agencies and associations can be considered the author of a source when no specific author is given.

Write out the full name of the group in all parenthetical citations:

The May 2011 study focused on percentages of tax money that goes to imprisonment over education funding (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 2011).

However, you may abbreviate the group name if the group’s name is lengthy and it is a commonly recognized abbreviation in all subsequent parenthetical citations:

The report found that over a half billion of taxpayer dollars went to imprison residents “from 24 of New York City’s approximately 200 neighborhoods” (NAACP, 2011, pp. 2).

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## Citing classical works

For classical sources, such as ancient Greek works, cite the year of the translation or version used. Precede this information with “trans.” or “version,” respectively.

(Homer, trans. 1998).

*Continued...*

When citing specific content from these sources, include the paragraph/line numbers that are used in classical works. This information is consistent across versions/editions, and is the easiest way to locate direct quotes from classical works.

The Bible extols the virtues of love; “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud” (1 Cor. 13:4 New International Version).

Remember, you do not need to create formal citations in your reference list for classical works.

## Citing and formatting block quotes

When directly quoting information from sources in your writing, you may need to format it differently depending on how many words are used.

If a quote runs on for more than 40 words:

- Start the direct quotation on a new line
- Indent the text roughly half an inch from the left margin
  - If there are multiple paragraphs in the quotation, indent them an extra half inch
- Remove any quotation marks
- Double-space the text
- Add the parenthetical citation after the final sentence

...here is some text from the book that clearly defines early on in the novel:

He smiled understandingly—much more than understandingly. It was one of those rare smiles with a quality of eternal reassurance in it, that you may come across four or five times in life. It faced—or seemed to face—the whole eternal world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor. (Fitzgerald, 2012, p. 44)



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This guide will provide visual examples of citing the following in APA style:

- Books
- Journal articles
- Newspapers
- Reports
- Scholarly projects (theses/dissertations)
- Lecture notes
- Encyclopedia entries
- Religious/classical works

Be sure to check out Part 2, which provides visual guides for citing multimedia and electronic source types.

## Citing a book in print

**Structure:**

Author, F. M. (Year of publication). *Title of work*. Publisher City, State: Publisher.

**Title Page**  
Much of the information you need to create a print book citation can be found on the title page.

The title page is found within the first couple of pages of the book.

The diagram illustrates the components of a title page for the book *The Ambassadors* by Henry James. The title page is shown in a large box on the left, and a smaller box on the right provides a magnified view of the publisher information. Arrows point from labels to the corresponding text on the title page:

- Title of work:** THE AMBASSADORS
- Author:** HENRY JAMES
- Publisher:** Serenity Publishers, LLC
- Publisher city/state:** ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
- Year of publication:** 2009

**Citation:**

James, H. (2009). *The ambassadors*. Rockville, MD: Serenity Publishers.

\*Capitalize the first letter of the first word of the title and any subtitles (the first word that follows a colon), as well as the first letter of any proper nouns. See our APA Citation Basics guide or the APA Publication Manual for more information.

## Citing an e-book found in a database

\*Some e-books may be available online through your library's databases or catalog.

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year of publication). *Title of work*. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx> OR doi:xxxxx

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Rosalía Rodríguez-García  
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Authors

Title of work

Year of publication

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## Citing an e-book from an e-reader (Kindle, iPad, nook, etc.)

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year of publication). *Title of work* [E-reader version]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx> OR doi:xxxxx

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Year of Publication → Note copyright © 2000 by Dover Publications, Inc.

Author → Stoker, Bram, 1847-1912.

Book title → Dracula / Bram Stoker.

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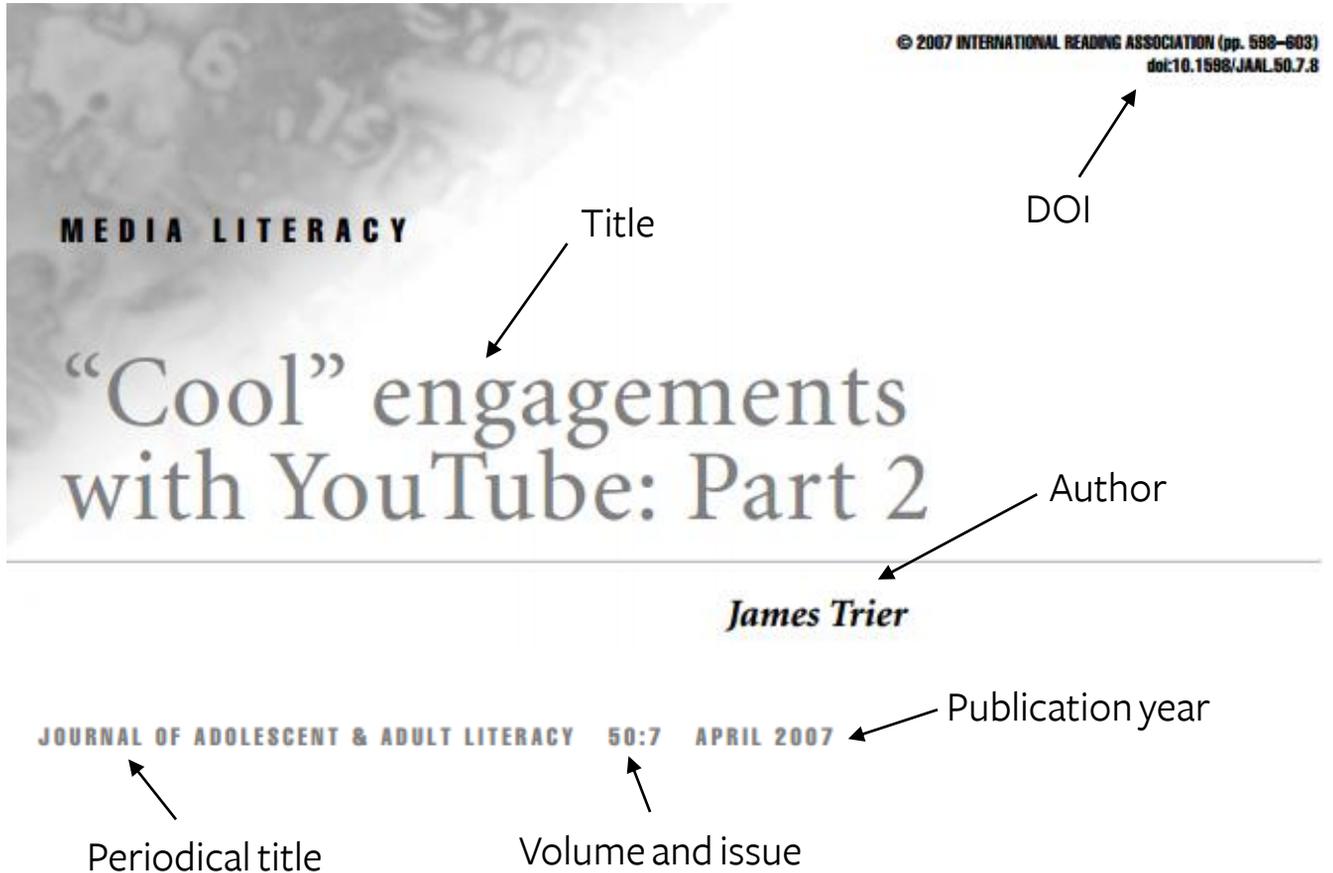
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## Citing a journal article found online (in a database or elsewhere)

**Structure:**

Author, F. M. (Publication year). Article title. *Periodical Title*, Volume(Issue), pp.-pp. doi:XX.XXXXXX OR Retrieved from journal URL

\*Database information and retrieval date are not required in APA journal article citations.



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\*If no DOI is listed, use the periodical's homepage URL (e.g., Retrieved from [http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1936-2706](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1002/(ISSN)1936-2706)).

## Citing a journal article found in print

## Structure:

Author, F. M., Author, F. M., & Author, F. M. (Publication year). Article title.  
*Periodical Title, Volume(Issue), pp.-pp.*

# Is Social Media Too Social for Class? A Case Study of Twitter Use

Title

By Meng-Fen Grace Lin, Ellen S. Hoffman, Claire Borengasser, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Author

Publication year

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Volume and issue

Periodical title

## Citation:

Lin, M. G., Hoffman, E. S., & Borengasser, C. (2013). Is social media too social for class? A case study of Twitter use. *TechTrends*, 57(2), 39-45.

Citing a newspaper in print

Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year, Month Date of publication). Article title. *Newspaper Title*, pp. xx-xx.

\*If the article is printed on discontinuous pages, list all of the page numbers/ranges and separate them with a comma. (e.g., pp. C2, C4, C7-9.)



Citation:

Bowman, L. (1990, March 7). Bills target Lake Erie mussels. *The Pittsburgh Press*, pp. A4.

## Citing an online newspaper

**Structure:**

Author, F. M. (Year, Month Date of publication). Article title. *Newspaper Title*. Retrieved from newspaper homepage URL

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Los Angeles Times website. The URL in the address bar is [www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-flu-shot-heart-attack-stroke-dstory#ax](http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-flu-shot-heart-attack-stroke-dstory#ax). The page features the newspaper's masthead, navigation menus, and the article content. Annotations with arrows point to the following elements:

- Newspaper title:** Los Angeles Times
- Article title:** Flu shots may reduce risk of heart attacks, strokes and even death
- Author:** By Karen Kaplan
- Publication date:** October 22, 2013 | 2:18 p.m.

**Citation:**

Kaplan, K. (2013, October 22). Flu shots may reduce risk of heart attacks, strokes and even death. *Los Angeles Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.latimes.com>

\*Use the URL of the newspaper’s home page to avoid broken links.

## Tips for Citing Online Newspaper Articles

- You do not need to include retrieval information (e.g., date of access) in APA citations for electronic resources.
- If you found a newspaper article through an online database (e.g., EBSCO’s Academic Search Complete), you do not need to include that information in the citation, either.
- If a URL runs across multiple lines of text in the citation, break the URL off before punctuation (e.g., periods, forward slashes) – *except* http://.
- When you use a bibliography tool like EasyBib to help you with your citations, make sure you are citing a *newspaper article* – not a website!

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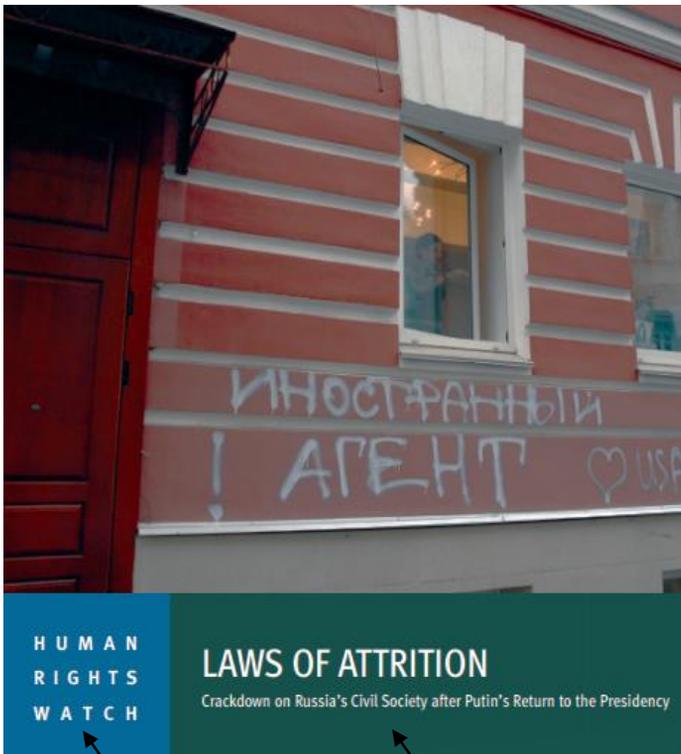
## Citing an online report

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Publication year). *Title of report* (Report No. XXX). Retrieved from Agency name website: URL

\*If the agency is identified as the author, do not include it in the retrieval information.

### Cover page



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Title of report

### Title page

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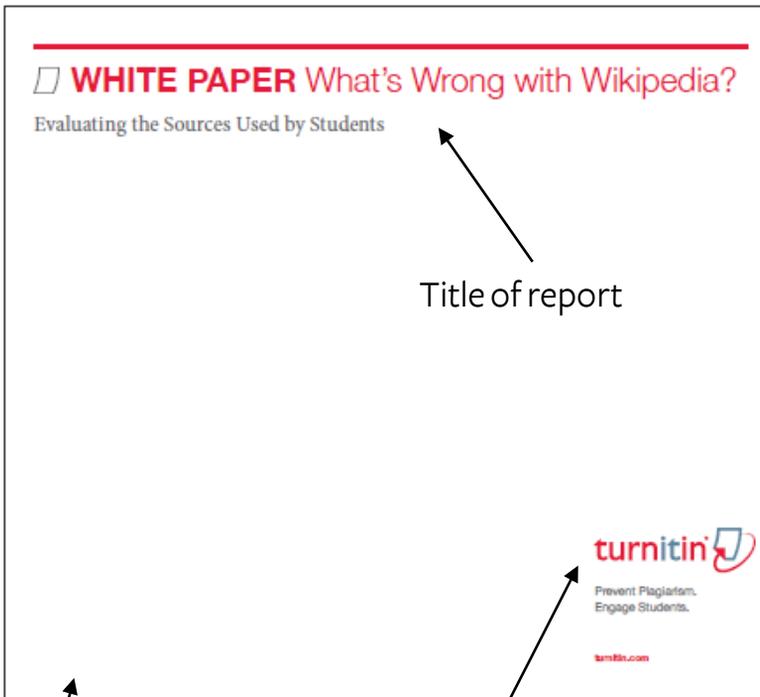
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\*If no specific author is identified, list the organization behind the report.

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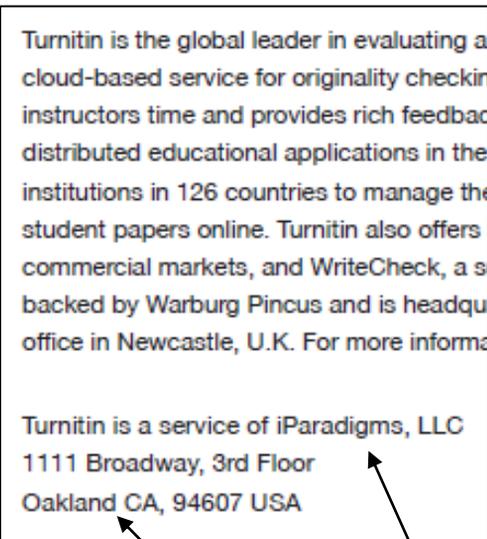


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(no author listed)

### Acknowledgements page



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**Citation:**

Turnitin. (2013). *What's wrong with Wikipedia?: Evaluating the sources used by students*. Oakland, CA: iParadigms, LLC.

\*Since no report number was identified, it was not included in the citation.

## Citing a scholarly project (thesis, dissertation, etc.) from a database

### Structure:

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Title of dissertation



### **Media Epidemics: Viral Structures in Literature and New Media**

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**Source:** [Dissertation Abstracts International, Section A: The Humanities and Social Sciences \(DAIA\) 2012 Dec; 73 \(6\)U of California, Santa Barbara, 2011 Abstract no: DA3495687 \[Journal Detail\]](#)

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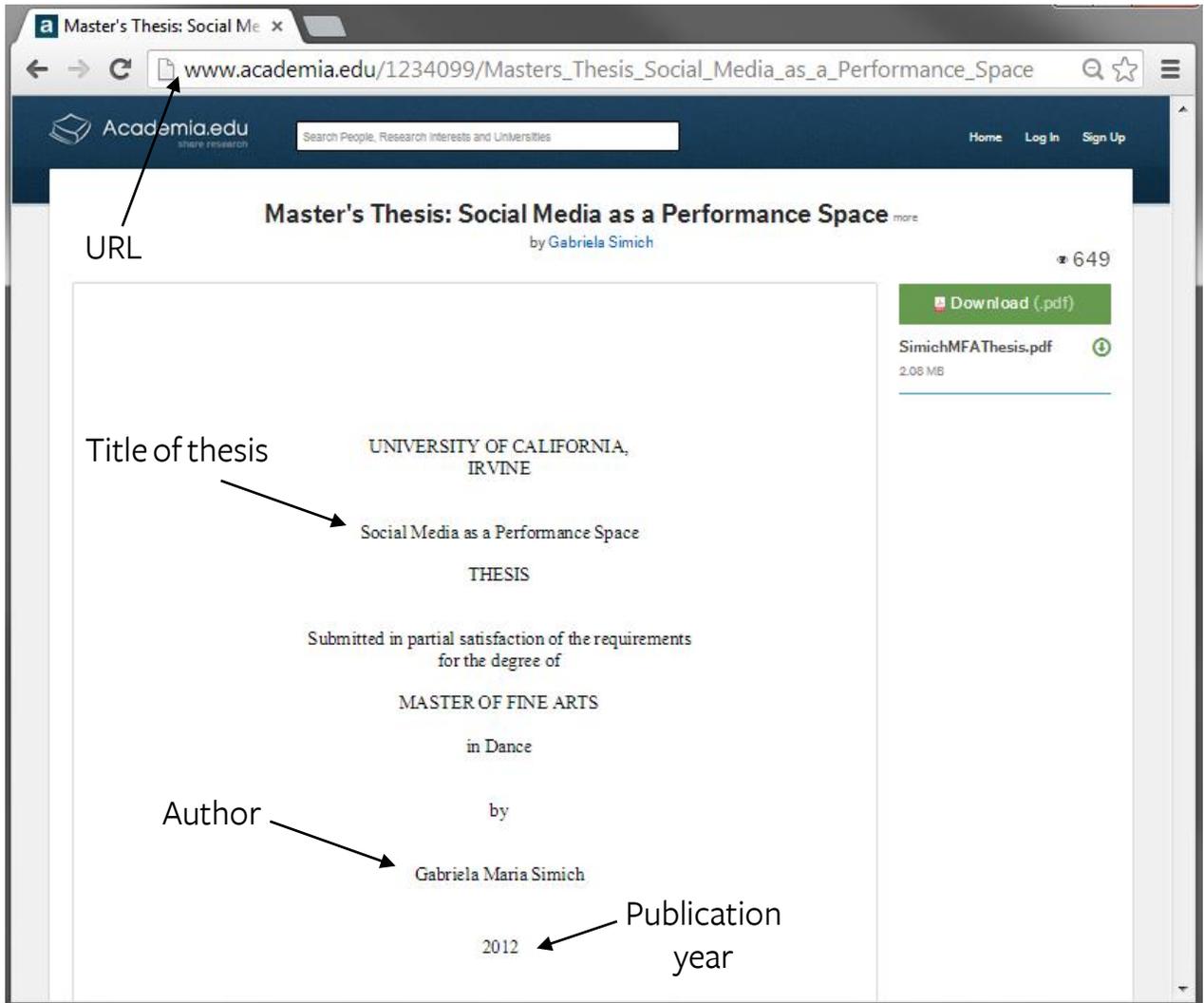
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## Citing a scholarly project (thesis, dissertation, etc.) from a website

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Publication year). *Title of dissertation/thesis* (Doctoral dissertation or Master's thesis). Retrieved from URL



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying a thesis page on Academia.edu. The URL in the address bar is [www.academia.edu/1234099/Masters\\_Thesis\\_Social\\_Media\\_as\\_a\\_Performance\\_Space](http://www.academia.edu/1234099/Masters_Thesis_Social_Media_as_a_Performance_Space). The page title is "Master's Thesis: Social Media as a Performance Space" by Gabriela Simich. The thesis title is "Social Media as a Performance Space" followed by "UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE" and "THESIS". It is submitted for a "MASTER OF FINE ARTS in Dance" degree. The author is "Gabriela Maria Simich" and the year is "2012". Annotations with arrows point to the URL, the thesis title, the author's name, and the year.

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Simich, G. M. (2012). *Social media as a performance space* (Master's thesis). Retrieved from [http://www.academia.edu/1234099/Masters\\_Thesis\\_Social\\_Media\\_as\\_a\\_Performance\\_Space](http://www.academia.edu/1234099/Masters_Thesis_Social_Media_as_a_Performance_Space)

\*In this case, the URL runs across two lines. When this happens, break the URL after a forward slash or other punctuation.

## Citing online lecture notes or presentation slides

**Structure:**

Author, F. M. (Publication year). *Name or title of lecture* [file format].  
Retrieved from URL

\*If you are citing a classroom presentation, include the same data except the retrieval information.

### Title Slide of Lecture

Publication year

Lecture title

Authors

**Citation:**

Jacobson, T. E. & Mackey, T. (2013). *What's in a name?: Information literacy, metaliteracy, or transliteracy* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://www.slideshare.net/tmackey/acrl-2013>

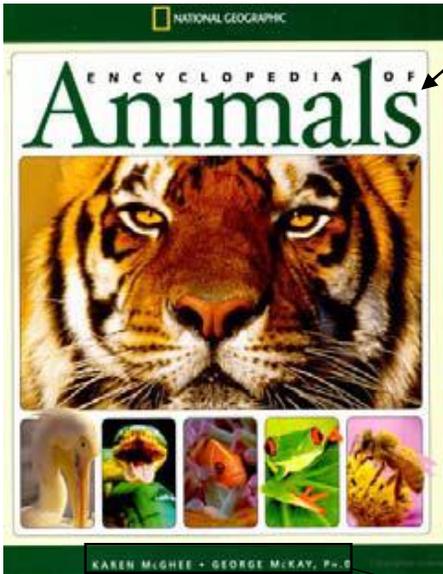
## Citing an encyclopedia entry in print

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Publication year). Entry title. In *Encyclopedia title*. (Vol. XX, pp. XX-XX). City, State of publication: Publisher.

\*Tertiary sources are not typically appropriate for research papers. Check with your instructor.

### Front Cover



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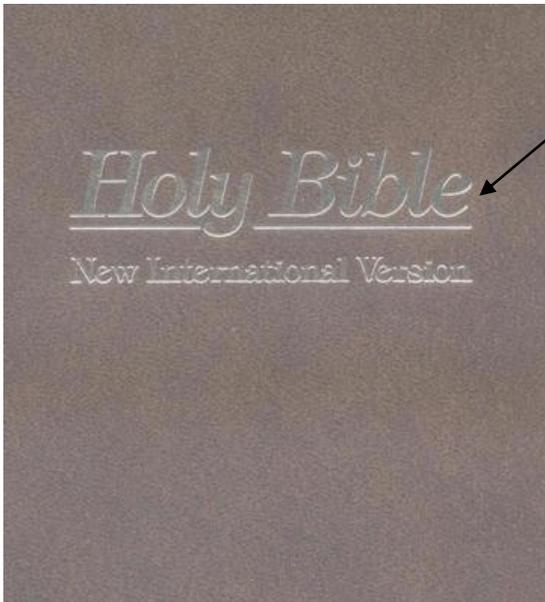
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McGhee, K., & McKay, G. (2007). Insects. In *Encyclopedia of animals* (p. 175). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society.

## Take note!

Classical religious texts, like the Bible, do not require a citation in the reference list in APA style. However, you must include an in-text citation anytime you reference these texts in your writing.



Bible title and version

If the **version** of the Bible you are using is relevant, mention it in the **first reference** in your writing – this can be as either a general reference or a formal in-text citation.

## In-text Citations

- When quoting or paraphrasing specific excerpts from the text, **include the “relevant names and/or numbers of chapters/verses/lines”** in your in-text citation (Lee, 2009).

### In-text citation:

The Bible extols the virtues of love; “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud” (1 Cor. 13:4 New International Version).

Remember, you only need to cite the version of the Bible used in the first general reference to or in-text citation of the source. In all other instances, leave it out.

# APA Visual Guides

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This guide will provide visual examples of citing the following in APA style:

- Blogs
- Musical recordings
- Films
- Television and radio programs
- Online dictionary entries
- Websites

Be sure to check out Part 1, which provides additional visual guides for citing different source types.

## Citing a blog or podcast

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year, Month, Date of post). Title of blog post [Web log post].  
Retrieved from URL of blog post

\*Note: If a full name is not given, use the author’s screen name or handle instead.

## Blog Post



The image shows a screenshot of a blog post from FiveThirtyEight. The post title is "Senate Control in 2014 Increasingly Looks Like a Tossup" by Nate Silver. The date is July 15, 2013, 11:20 am. The post has 281 comments. The content of the post begins with "This weekend's announcement by the former governor of Montana, Brian Schweitzer, that he would not seek that state's Democratic nomination for Senate represents the latest in a series of favorable developments for Republicans as they seek control of the chamber".

Annotations with arrows point to the following elements:

- Date of post:** Points to the date and time "July 15, 2013, 11:20 am".
- Title of blog post:** Points to the main title "Senate Control in 2014 Increasingly Looks Like a Tossup".
- Author:** Points to the author name "By NATE SILVER".

Author (if no full name is given, use screen name, handle, or other username)

### Citation:

Silver, N. (2013, July 15). Senate control in 2014 increasingly looks like a tossup [Web log post]. Retrieved from <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/07/15/senate-control-in-2014-increasingly-looks-like-a-tossup/>

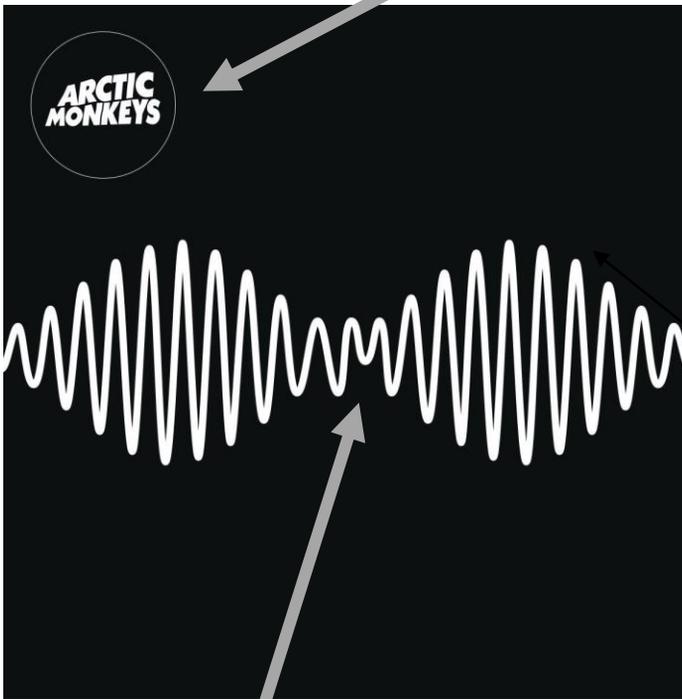
## Citing a musical recording

### Structure:

Songwriter F. M. (Copyright year). Song title [Recorded by F. M. Last (performer's name/musical group)]. On *Album title* [Medium of recording]. City, State of label: Record label name.

\*If the songwriter and performer are the same person, leave out the bracketed data [Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_] following the song title.

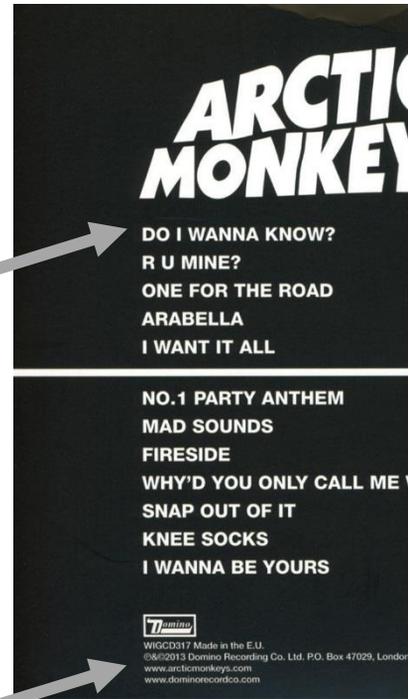
### Album Cover



Artist's name

Album Title

### Back Cover



Song title

Record label information

\*Songwriter information can be found in the digital booklet or the CD sleeve (if you're old school!).

### Citation:

Turner, A. (2013). Do I wanna know? [Recorded by Arctic Monkeys]. On *AM* [MP3 file]. London, England: Domino Records.

\*In-text citations, include band or track numbers (Turner, 2013, track 1).

## Citing a motion picture

### Structure:

Producer, F. M. (Producer), & Director, F.M. (Director). (Release year). *Title of motion picture* [Motion picture]. Country of origin: Studio.

\*If you cannot locate certain bibliographic data from the film's cover, consult IMDB.com or a similar website.



Release year

Studio

Producer and director

Title of motion picture

### Citation:

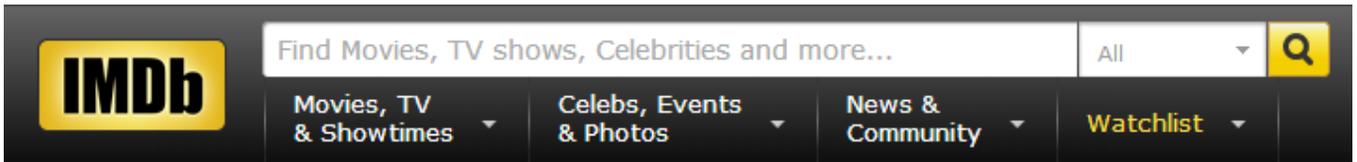
Stiller, B. (Producer) & Ayoade, R. (Director). (2011). *Submarine* [Motion picture]. United Kingdom: Film4 Productions.

## Citing an episode from TV or radio show

### Structure:

Writer, F. M. (Writer), & Director, F. M. (Director). (Year of airing). Episode title [Television series episode]. In F. M. Producer (Executive producer), *TV series name*. City, State of original channel: Channel.

\*This information is found in the opening or closing credits of the episode. If you do not have access to the episode when compiling your bibliography, consult IMDB.com or a similar website.




**House M.D. (TV Series)** ← TV series name  
**Simple Explanation (2009)** ← Episode title and year of airing  
**Full Cast & Crew**

**Directed by**  
 Greg Yaitanes ← Director

**Writing Credits**  
 David Shore ... (creator)  
 Leonard Dick ... (written by) ← Writer

**Produced by**  
 Paul Attanasio ... executive producer ← Executive producer  
 Eli Attie ... co-executive producer  
 Peter Blake ... co-executive producer

\**House, M.D.* originally aired under Fox Broadcasting, which is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA.

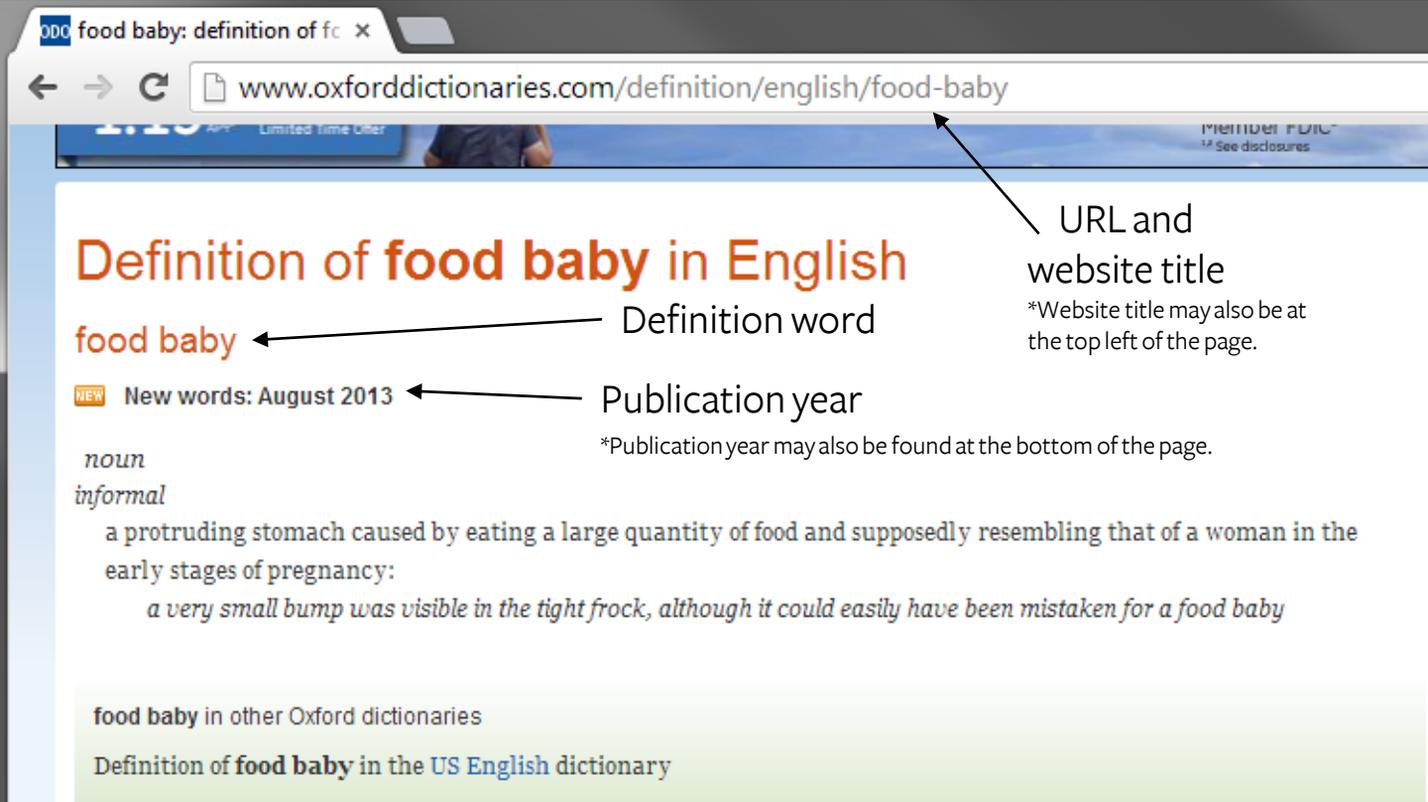
### Citation:

Dick, L. (Writer), & Yaitanes, G. (Director). (2009). Simple explanation [Television series episode]. In P. Attanasio (Executive producer), *House, M.D.* Los Angeles, CA: Fox Broadcasting Company.

Citing an online dictionary entry

Structure:

Defined word. (Publication year). In *Website Title*. Retrieved from URL



Here is how you would cite the entry for “food baby” from an online dictionary accessed October 22, 2013:

Citation:

Food baby. (2013). In *OxfordDictionaries.com*. Retrieved from <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/food-baby>

## Citing a general website article with an author

### Take note!

Many sources have APA citation formats for their online versions (e.g., online newspapers, dictionaries and encyclopedias). Check out our other guides or the APA Publication Manual (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) first to see if there is a citation for a specific source type in an online format.

### Structure:

Author, F. M. (Year, Month Date of publication). *Article title*. Retrieved from URL

\*Only include the retrieval date if the content is likely to change over time (such as wikis). If necessary, include the retrieval month date, year, (in that order) between “Retrieved” and “from URL” in the last segment of the citation.

\*\*When a website does not have an article title, replace it in the citation with the website title.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following elements:

- Address Bar:** [gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597](http://gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597). An arrow points to this URL with the label "URL".
- Page Header:** "Tech By Design" and navigation links for "ARCHITECTURE - DESIGN - SCIENCE - SPACE - ART - APPLE - GOOGLE - MICROSOFT - MOBILE - PALEOFUTURE - TIPS".
- Author and Date:** "ERIC LIMER - PHONES - 10/01/13 9:00am". Arrows point to "ERIC LIMER" (labeled "Author") and "10/01/13 9:00am" (labeled "Date").
- Article Title:** "Heck Yes! The First Free Wireless Plan Is Finally Here". An arrow points to this title with the label "Article title".
- Image:** A photograph of three smartphones, including an HTC phone in the foreground.
- Other Elements:** "GIZMODO" logo, "TOP STORIES" section with "What's the Deal With Creatine?", and social media sharing icons (6 stars, Facebook, Twitter).

### Citation:

Limer, E. (2013, October 1). *Heck yes! The first free wireless plan is finally here*. Retrieved from <http://gizmodo.com/heck-yes-the-first-free-wireless-plan-is-finally-here-1429566597>

## Citing a general website article with no author

### Take note!

Many sources have APA citation formats for their online versions (e.g., online newspapers, dictionaries and encyclopedias). Check our other guides, or the APA Publication Manual (6<sup>th</sup> ed.) first to see if there is a citation for citing a specific source type in an online format.

### Structure:

*Article title.* (Year, Month Date of publication). Retrieved from URL

\*Only include the retrieval date if the content is likely to change over time (such as this example, which includes information about Indian laws and customs). If necessary, include the retrieval month date, year, (in that order) between “Retrieved” and “from URL” in the last segment of the citation.

\*\*When a website does not have an article title, replace it in the citation with the website title.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1139.html`. The page content includes the U.S. Department of State logo, the text "TRAVEL.STATE.GOV A SERVICE OF THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS U.S. Department of State", and a navigation menu with options like "INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL", "PASSPORTS", "VISAS", "CHILD ABDUCTION", and "LAW & POLICY". The main content area displays "India Country Specific Information" with a date of "October 03, 2013" and a small Indian flag. Arrows in the image point to the URL, the article title "India", and the date of publication "October 03, 2013".

### Citation:

*India: Country specific information.* (2013, October 3). Retrieved October 23, 2013, from [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_1139.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1139.html)