



Differences between APA 6th Ed. & APA 7th Ed.

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APA Manual		
New manuals and choices	Print Manual available as well as APA Style Guide to Electronic References. Ebook only available as a Kindle.	Spiral with tabs, hard cover, soft cover, and ebooks available for individual license at APA website. NO site license, though. Kindle version coming in 2020.
Expanded manual	8 Chapters	12 Chapters, including expanded and new coverage and guidance.
APA Format Paper		
Paper format	Student and Professional papers formatted the same way.	Separate guidance for professional papers and student papers. Includes guidance for different types of student papers, including annotated bibliographies. Sample papers for both professional papers and student papers.
Increased flexibility regarding fonts.	Times New Roman 12	Calibri 11 Arial 11 Lucida Sans Unicode 10 Times New Roman 12 Georgia 11
For professional papers, the running head on the title page no longer includes the words	Running head: THE EFFECT OF GOOGLE ON THE INTERNET	THE EFFECT OF GOOGLE ON THE INTERNET

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“Running head:”. It now contains only a page number and the (shortened) paper title.		
For student papers, the running head is omitted (unless your instructor tells you otherwise).	Running head: INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN FOR ONLINE COURSES	Only include the page number in the upper right corner.
Heading levels 3-5 are updated to improve readability.	Levels 3 -5 followed sentence case and were indented.	All Headings follow title case and are bold. Additionally, Level 3 is flush left on margin and is also italicized. Level 4 is indented but not italicized. Level 5 is indented and italicized. See p. 48.
Section labels for each part of the paper is now bold (i.e., Abstract, References, etc.)	Section labels are not bold.	All sections labels are bold. Abstract Title of Paper References Appendix
Mechanics of Style		
Spacing between sentences	There should be 2 spaces between sentences.	Use only one space between sentences.
Seriation	Numbered lists discouraged. Some guidance for bulleted lists.	Guidance for numbered lists. More guidance for bulleted lists.
Preferred spelling	<i>APA Dictionary of Psychology</i> (2007) <i>Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary</i> (2005)	Online versions of Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary and APA Dictionary of Psychology .
Use double quotation marks to refer to linguistic examples (e.g., APA endorses the use of the singular	APA endorses the use of the singular pronoun <i>they</i> .	APA endorses the use of the singular pronoun “they”.

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pronoun “they”) instead of italics.		
Inclusive & Bias- Free Language		
Bias free language	Some guidance in Chapter 3	New chapter with expanded guidance – Chapter 5.
The singular “they” or “their” is endorsed as a gender-neutral pronoun.	A researcher’s career depends on how often he or she is cited.	A researcher’s career depends on how often they are cited.
Instead of using adjectives as nouns to label groups of people, descriptive phrases are preferred.	The poor	People living in poverty.
Instead of broad categories, you should use exact age ranges that are more relevant and specific.	People over 65 years old.	People in the range of 65 to 75 years old.
References and In-Text Citations		
The in-text citation for works with three or more authors is now shortened right from the first citation. You only include the first author’s name and “et al.”.	First citation: (Taylor, Kotler, Johnson, & Parker , 2018) Subsequent citations: (Taylor et al., 2018)	All citations: (Taylor et al. , 2018)
Quotes from research participants	Little or no guidance	Guidance provided for interviews and quotes from research participants.

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Publisher location is no longer included in the reference.	Covey, S. R. (2013). <i>The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change</i> . New York, NY: Simon & Schuster.	Covey, S. R. (2013). <i>The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change</i> . Simon & Schuster.
Surnames and initials for up to 20 authors (instead of 7) should be provided in the reference list.	Gilbert, J. R., Smith, J. D., Johnson, R. S., Anderson, A., Plath, S., Martin, G., ... Lee, L. H. (2014).	Gilbert, J. R., Smith, J. D., Johnson, R. S., Anderson, A., Plath, S., Martin, G., Cox, G., Harris, H. L., Martin, P., Gonzalez, W. L., Hughes, W., Carter, D., Campbell, C., Baker, A. B., Flores, T., Gray, W. E., Green, G., Nelson, T. P., Maurer, O., ... Lee, L. H (2018).
DOIs are formatted the same as URLs using the current standard. The label “DOI:” is no longer necessary.	doi: 10.18666/tpe-2019-v76-i2-8766	https://doi.org/ 10.1866/tpe-2019-v76-i2-8766
<p>URLs are no longer preceded by “Retrieved from” - unless a retrieval date is needed.</p> <p>The website name is included (unless it is the same as the author).</p> <p>Webpage titles are italicized.</p>	Hamman, J. (2019, November 21). What teachers should know about dysgraphia. Retrieved from https://www.edutopia.org/article/what-teachers-should-know-about-dysgraphia	Hamman, J. (2019, November 21). <i>What teachers should know about dysgraphia</i> . Edutopia. https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127
Articles coming from an academic database without a DOI should be treated as a print article without a DOI. Do not	Rush, M. A., Skora, J. I., Lawrence, J. H., & D'Aurora Richardson, L. (2019). Health care's new wilderness: The intersection of telehealth and ancillary services. <i>Journal of Health Care Compliance</i> , 21(3), 5-16. Retrieved from	Rush, M. A., Skora, J. I., Lawrence, J. H., & D'Aurora Richardson, L. (2019). Health care's new wilderness: The intersection of telehealth and ancillary services. <i>Journal of Health Care Compliance</i> , 21(3), 5-16.

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include a retrieval statement or URL.	https://lrus.wolterskluwer.com/store/product/journal-of-health-care-compliance/	
For ebooks, the format, platform, or device (e.g. Kindle) is no longer included in the reference. The publisher is included after the title.	Brück, M. (2009). <i>Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites</i> [Kindle version]. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2	Brück, M. (2009). <i>Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites</i> . Springer Nature. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2
Additional APA Reference Guidance		
Definition and guidance for locating each element of a reference. (e.g., the author, date, etc.)	No clear guidance and no definition.	Clear guidelines are provided for including contributors other than authors and editors. For example, when citing a podcast episode, the host of the episode should be included; for a TV series episode, the writer and director of that episode are cited. For dates, if there is a date for an update of a website, use the updated date as long as you are certain it is for the content you are referencing.
Templates for creating references to follow for sources that do not have clear examples	General examples given, but no templates to follow.	Each category and reference type has a general template to follow to create references. These can be found in Chapter 10.
Electronic Sources	Examples in the APA Style Guide to Electronic References.	Dozens of examples are included for online source types such as podcast episodes, social media posts, and YouTube videos. The use of emojis and hashtags is also explained.

References

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