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Author's name mentioned in your sentence:

According to Tebeaux (1991), technical writing developed in important ways in the English Renaissance.

Author's name not mentioned in your sentence:

Technical writing developed in important ways during the English Renaissance (Tebeaux, 1991).

Both author and date mentioned in the sentence:

In 1991, Tebeaux argued that technical writing developed in important ways in the English Renaissance.

Author's name, year, and page number:

During the English Renaissance, writers began to employ "various page design strategies to enhance visual access" (Tebeaux, 1991, p. 413).

Tebeaux (1991) has observed that for writers in the late sixteenth century, the philosophical ideas of Peter Ramus "provided a significant impetus to major changes in page design" (p. 413).

Direct quotes and block quotes:

When directly quoting in APA style, the quote should be enclosed in double quotation marks. If the quote is longer than 40 words, start the quotation on a new line, without quotation marks, and indent the entire text block five spaces (one press of the tab key). Also, the blocked quote should be double-spaced.²

One work by two authors:

Cite both authors every time you need to cite them, as modeled above.

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Cite all authors in the first reference, but in succeeding citations, cite only the first author's last name, followed by et al. (not italicized) and the year if it is the first time you quoted this work in the paragraph.

A work by a group:

(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 1999)

In further citations you use the acronym to refer to the group.

Work with no author:

Use the first words of the reference entry and the year.

... on free care ("Study Finds," 1982).

¹ The Tebeaux examples are drawn from Ruskiewicz, J., Hairston, M., & Seward, D.E. (1999). APA Documentation. In SF Writer (pp. 295-318). New York: Longman.

² The rest of this quick reference sheet is drawn from the American Psychological Association. (2001). Publication Manual (pp. 117, 207-214, & 239-268). Washington, DC: Author.

Reference List

All writing that uses information from other sources should contain a reference page. This page should be titled **References**. Everything cited in the paper needs to be included on the reference list, and no source should be on the reference list that isn't cited in the paper. The sources on the reference page should be double spaced with a hanging indent. The list of sources on the reference page must be alphabetized, according to the first word of the entry. Entries in reference lists need to be complete. The basic entry provides a source's author, year, title, publication city, and publisher. With the exception of the list published on pg. 217 of the APA Publication Manual, all publishers' locations require a city and state (and country for publishers outside of the United States.) You should also note if your source has additional features such as an editor, a volume number, translation information, etc.

Journal article, one author:

Mellers, B.A. (2000). Choice and the relative pleasure of consequences. *Psychological Bulletin*, 126, 910-924.

Journal article two to six authors:

Saywitz, K.J., Mannarino, A.P., Berliner, L., & Cohen, J.A. (2000). Treatment for sexually abused children and adolescents. *American Psychologist*, 55, 1040-1049.

Magazine article:

Kandel, E.R., & Squire, L.R. (2000, November 10). Neuroscience: Breaking down scientific barriers to the study of brain and mind. *Science*, 290, 1113-1120.

Daily newspaper article:

Schwartz, J. (1993, September 30). Obesity affects economic, social status. *The Washington Post*, pp. A1, A4.

Daily newspaper article, no author:

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death from heart failure. (1993, July 15). *The Washington Post*, p. A12.

Book, one author:

Robinson, D.N. (1992). *Social discourse and moral judgment*. San Diego, CA: Academic Press.

Book, two or three authors:

Beck, C.A.J., & Sales, B.D. (2001). *Family mediation: Facts, myths, and future prospects*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Book, with several editions:

Mitchell, T.R., & Larson, J.R., Jr. (1987). *People in organizations: An introduction to organizational behavior* (3rd ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill.

Book, group author (government agency) as publisher:

Australian Bureau of Statistics. (1991). *Estimated resident population by age and sex in statistical local areas, New South Wales, June 1990* (No. 3209.1). Canberra, Australian Capital Territory: Author.

Edited book:

Gibbs, J.T., & Huang, L.N. (Eds.). (1991). *Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Book, no author or editor:

Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary (10th ed.). (1993). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster.

English translation of a book:

Laplace, P.-S. (1951). *A philosophical essay on probabilities* (F.W. Truscott & F.L. Emory, Trans.). New York: Dover. (Original work published 1814)

Article or chapter in an edited book:

Bjork, R.A. (1989). Retrieval inhibition as an adaptive mechanism in human memory. In H.L. Roediger III & F.I. M. Craik (Eds.), *Varieties of memory & consciousness* (pp.309-330). Hillsdale, NJ: Erlbaum.

Television broadcast

Crystal, L. (Executive Producer). (1990, October 11). *The MacNeil/Lehrer news hour* (Television Broadcast). New York and Washington, DC: Public Broadcasting Service.

Single episode from a television series

Hall, B. (Writer), & Bender, J. (Director). (1991). The rules of the game (Television series episode). In J. Sander (Producer). *I'll fly away*. New York: New York Broadcasting Company.

Music recording

Writer, A. (Date of copyright). Title of song (Recorded by artist if different from writer). On *Title of Album* (Medium of recording: CD, record, cassette, etc.). Location: Label. (Recording date if different from copyright date).

Motion picture:

Scorsese, M. (Producer), & Lonergan, K. (Writer/Director). (2000). *You can count on me* [Motion picture]. United States: Paramount Pictures

Internet sources:

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Internet articles based on a print source

VandenBos, G., Knapp, S., & Doe, J. (2001). Role of reference elements in the selection of resources by psychology undergraduates [electronic version]. *Journal of Bibliographic Research*, 5, 117-123.

Article in an internet-only journal

Fredrickson, B.L. (2000, March 7). Cultivating positive emotions to optimize health and well-being. *Prevention & Treatment*, 3, Article 0001a. Retrieved November 20, 2000, from <http://journals.apap.org/prevention/volume3/pre0030001a.html>

Message posted to online forum or discussion group

Simons, D. J. (2000, July 14). New resources for visual cognition [Msg 31]. Message posted to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/visualcognition/message/31>

Computer software

Miller, M. E. (1993). *The Interactive Tester (Version 4.0)* [Computer software]. Westminster, CA: Psytek Services.

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