**APA IN-TEXT CITATIONS**

A research paper requires two different forms of documentation: a **References** list, which is placed at the end of the paper, and **in-text citations** (parenthetical), which are embedded within the text of the paper. In both cases, you must give the source of everything that you borrow: direct quotations, passages, information and/or ideas.

Each in-text citation needs to point specifically to the detailed source information, which is listed on the **References** page.

In most cases, the author’s last name, date and the page number are enough to identify the source, but **the** **chart below shows how to do in-text citations for specific types of sources.**

Please note that the period, indicating the end of the sentence, is put AFTER the bracket, as shown in the example below.

*Example (direct quotation):* The Pacific Crest Trail, or PCT, is “a continuous wilderness trail that went from the Mexican border in California to just beyond the Canadian border…”(Strayed, 2012, p. 4).

*Example (paraphrased quotation):* If hikers want to travel from California to the Canadian border, one option is the Pacific Crest Trail or PCT (Strayed, 2012, p. 4).

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| SOURCE | PARENTHETICAL REFERENCE |
| **BOOK WITH A SINGLE AUTHOR**  **TWO OR THREE AUTHORS**  For the first citation, include all authors; for later citations, include the first author and et al. | (Strayed, 2012, p. 4)  (Opdyke, Bauer & Armstrong, 1999, p. 77)  (Opdyke et al., 1999. p. 77) |
| **PRINT ARTICLE WITH ONE AUTHOR**  **PRINT ARTICLE WITH UNKNOWN AUTHOR** | (Smith, 2012, p. 3)  (“Characteristics of Dogs,” 1991, p. 13) |
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| **ONLINE IMAGE/VIDEO** (e.g. YouTube)  If author’s real name and screen name are known, use real name.  If only the author’s screen name is known, use the screen name. | (Smith, 2013)  (Lypur, 2008) |
| **CITING INDIRECT SOURCES**  If you quote or paraphrase from a second-hand source, name the original work, and give a citation for the secondary source. | Brown’s diary (as cited in Dixon, 2013). |

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