



BEYOND THE
BASICS:

APA 7 IN-TEXT
CITATIONS

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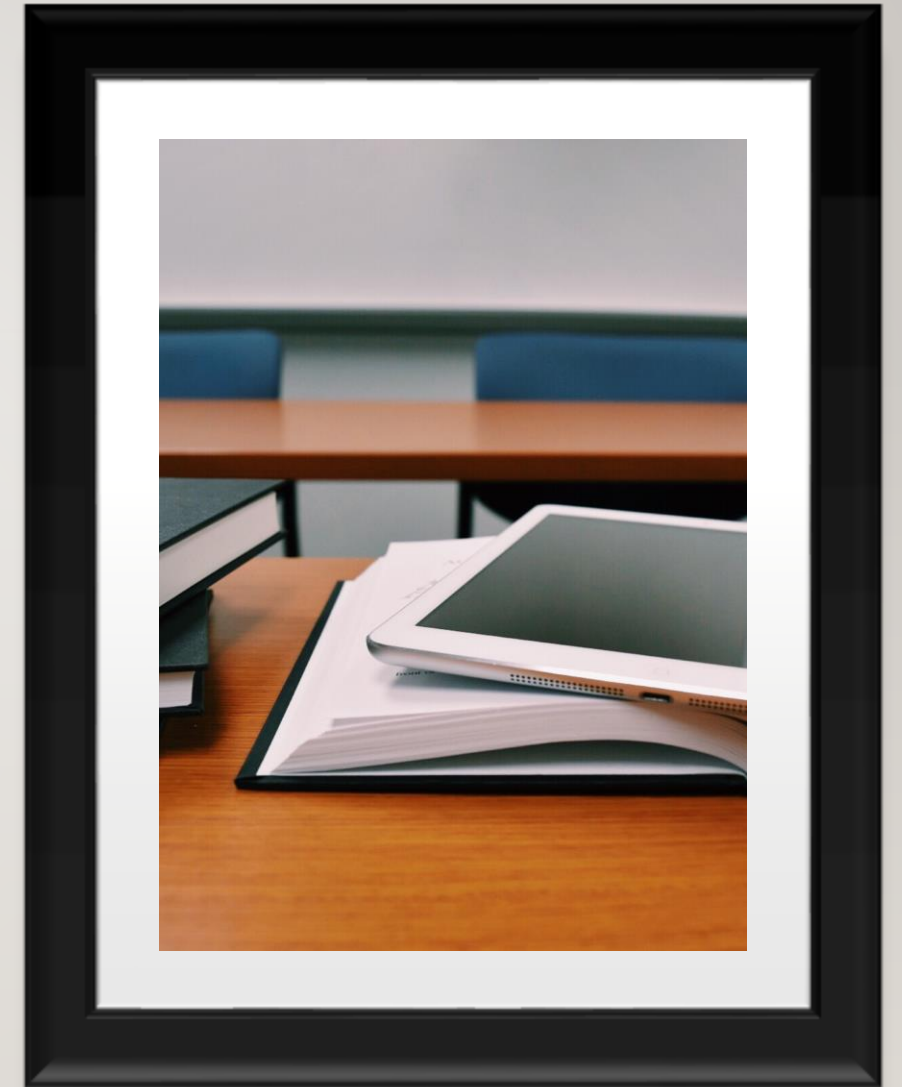


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GOALS

- Get comfortable using APA 7
- Get some tips for using in-text citations while quoting or paraphrasing
- Know where to find more APA resources and who to ask for research and writing support



THINK ABOUT IT!

- How comfortable are you with using in-text citations?
- Do you usually quote or paraphrase your sources?
- Do you include a citation EVERY TIME you use information from an outside source?

USING IN-TEXT CITATIONS

- Why?**
- Tells your reader the idea is **not yours** and gives credit to the original author
 - Helps your reader **find the source** in your reference list
- When?**
- **Any time** you use information from an outside source in your work

Remember! If you have an in-text citation, the source **MUST** also appear in your **reference list** (*except for your lecture notes and other personal communications)



USING IN-TEXT CITATIONS



- How?**
- **Parenthetical** – author and date occur at the end of a sentence in parentheses
 - Use “&” for two author names - **(Botto & Rochat, 2018)**
 - Include the author(s) and year every time - **(Wilk, 2021)**

OR

- **Narrative** – author is a part of the sentence, followed by the date in parentheses
 - Use “and” for two author names - **Botto and Rochat (2018)**...
 - Use a **signal verb** to connect the author to the idea – **Wilk (2021) claimed...**
- Usually as part of a **quotation** or **paraphrase**.

NOTE: Use simple past (Wilk **claimed**, “...”) or present perfect (Wilk **has claimed**, “...”) for signal verbs.

USING IN-TEXT CITATIONS



Quoting vs. paraphrasing: What's the difference?

Quotation

- Repeating someone else's idea using the original words
- Use quotation marks “ ” to identify the quoted words

Paraphrase

- Sharing someone else's idea using your own words and grammar

QUOTING A SOURCE

- You can use **quotations** when...
 - The author's words are memorable or impactful
 - You need to be exact (e.g. definition)
 - You are referring to someone's specific words
- ⚠ Paraphrasing (changing to your own words & grammar) is usually a better choice!



IN-TEXT CITATIONS FORMAT IN A QUOTATION

“ ”

Parenthetical:

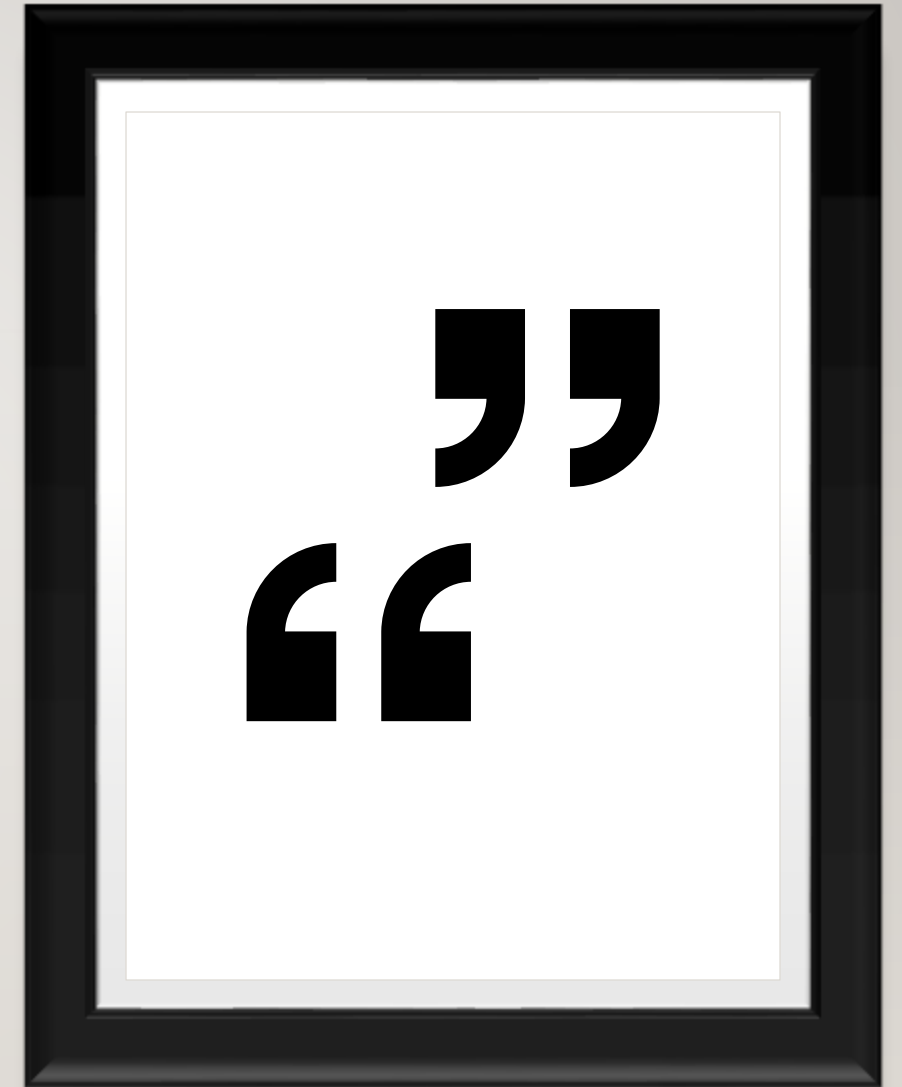
- Recently, researchers advised Canadians to “eat a variety of food” (**Health Canada, 2019, p. 3**).

Narrative:

- **Nakamura (2011)** has pointed out that leadership skills can be taught, but for most of us, "real charisma and magnetism can't be found in a textbook" (**p. 3**).

PARAPHRASING A SOURCE (USING YOUR OWN WORDS)

- **Paraphrasing** means using an author's idea in your work, but using your words and grammar.
 - ⚠ You still need to cite the author.
- Why paraphrase?
 - Show your understanding of another person's ideas
 - Fit ideas into your writing style
 - Explain things to readers in simpler terms



PARAPHRASING A SOURCE

“ ”

How? Follow these steps:

Make sure you fully understand the original text



Identify the main ideas and key terms – write them in your notebook



Rewrite the ideas with **your own** words and grammar

⚠️ Check out the MSS Paraphrasing & Summarizing learning module for more help.

IN-TEXT CITATION FORMAT IN A PARAPHRASE “ ”

Parenthetical:

- With high earnings, there is a good chance that MyNews will be purchased (**Perez, 2021**).

Narrative:

- **Guirguis (2018)** noted that play provides children the ability to learn in engaging environments.
- In the article, **Marky (2014)** provided a good summary of public health services in India.

MIXING IT UP – COMPARING SOME OPTIONS “ ”

Parenthetical Quotation:

- Recently, researchers advised Canadians to “eat a variety of food” (Health Canada, 2019, p. 3).



Narrative Paraphrase:

- Health Canada (2019) has done recent research which advises Canadians to vary their food intake.

Narrative Quotation:

- Nakamura (2011) has pointed out that leadership skills can be taught, but for most of us, “real charisma and magnetism can't be found in a textbook” (p. 3).



Parenthetical Paraphrase:

- Although it is possible to study leadership skills, there are natural characteristics of a leader that can't be taught (Nakamura, 2011).



USING SIGNAL VERBS

Why? Signal verbs play an important role in in-text citations:

- Maintain the author's “voice” – helps to continually **draw attention** to the outside sources of the ideas in your work
- Show the author's **relationship** to the idea – depending on the relationship, there are different signal verbs you can use

USING SIGNAL VERBS



OPINIONS / SUGGESTIONS

- argued, claimed, suggested

EXPLANATION

- described, explained, pointed out

STATEMENT

- observed, noted, stated

INVESTIGATION

- analyzed, investigated, measured

RESULTS

- showed, found, concluded

NEGATIVE

- criticized, denied, rejected

WHICH VERB(S) CAN I USE?

1. In a study, **Zhang (2015)** analyzed parents' ideas about after school care.
2. One result was interesting. **Zhang** found many parents now consider after school care an essential service.

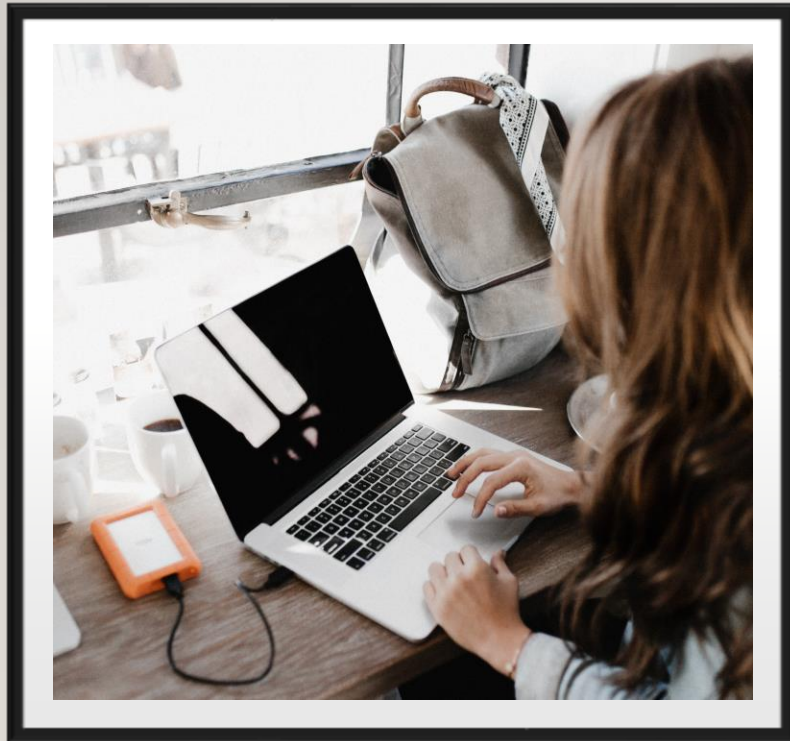
⚠ Do not repeat the year within a single paragraph

Tip! Instead of a signal phrase, a VERY common phrase is 'According to...'

According to **Zhang (2015)**, parents are...

SOME TIPS FOR SUCCESS

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- Save time/trouble by writing down source information (URLs, etc.) in your research notes
 - ⚠️ **Ask your librarian** about reference tools like RefWorks, CitationMachine, etc.
- Notice how other writers fit citations into their sentence style – get help at **the Writing Centre**
- Keep Camosun Library's [APA Quick Guide](#) handy: you **will** need it!

Most importantly, remember:

Doing citations correctly takes TIME – sometimes a lot!

- **write down source info** when researching
- give yourself time to **draft/edit your citations**

WHAT ABOUT YOUR REFERENCE LIST?



- For more information on APA 7 citation basics and how to create APA style reference lists, visit the Camosun MSS website, camosunmss.opened.ca, under *Additional English Support/ Self-Access Study Resources/ Research & APA*:
 - **APA 7: Basics of Citation** - Learn the basics of content and style for APA in-text citations and reference lists
 - **Beyond the Basics: APA 7 Reference Lists** - Learn how to format your reference list entries appropriately following APA 7 style, whether the source is a book, an article, a video, or even PPT slides from your D2L course site!



RESOURCES

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