APA Style: In Text Citations

In text citations are listed in the surname of the author-date format. Each in text citation must have a corresponding entry in the reference list. There are a few ways you can cite in text:

Multiple methods were used by earlier peoples to accomplish this task (Zarria, 2011).

Zarria (2011) found that earlier civilizations used multiple methods…

In 2011, Zarria found that multiple methods were used by earlier peoples…

If there is more than one author, list each author’s name:

…as shown by the research (Johnson, Keller, & Watkins, 2009).

Johnson, Keller, and Watkins (2009) showed…

In 2009, Johnson, Keller, and Watkins demonstrated…

If you refer to more than one reference in the same in text citation, the references should be separated by a semicolon:

…as recent studies have shown (Mackay, 2008; Bissett, 2013; King & Ray, 2010)...

If you use a direct quotation, it should be enclosed in quotes and the page number on which it appears given:

“…is of the utmost importance” (Colvin, 2013, p. 54).

When using an online document that does not have pages, use paragraph numbers in the place of pages:

“…reflects changing consumer behavior” (Jones & Carver, para. 8).

If using a secondary source (where an author is citing something he found in a book written by someone else) and you did not read the original work, cite it as:

Hawley concluded (as cited in Gattis, 2007)…

For more examples see https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/02/