

MLA In-text Citation Cheat Sheet

In-Text General Information

What is an in-text citation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It links information in the body of your essay to your Works Cited list. • It offers enough information so that the reader can find the complete information in the Works Cited list. • It is written next to the information that has been taken from another source. • It is typically at the end of a sentence. However, if only part of the sentence pertains to the source information, it can come immediately after that (inside the sentence).
When do you use in-text citation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whenever you use information from another source in your essay.
Why do you use in-text citation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To lead your reader to the correct entry in your Works Cited list. • To avoid plagiarizing.

In-Text Citation Examples

Most of these examples use exact quotations from other sources. Exact quotations are placed in quotation marks. If you are paraphrasing or summarizing another author, the same rules apply for in-text citation, but you don't use quotation marks around the source information. Whenever you are citing another author's thoughts, you **MUST** cite it, whether you're quoting exactly, paraphrasing, or summarizing. Otherwise, it is considered plagiarism.

Books & Journal Articles with Author <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Author's Last Name [space] Page Number). 	Research reveals that, "The use of water in the UAE has increased 15 percent since 1990" (Lee 34).
Books & Journal Articles with Two Authors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Last Name and Last Name [space] Page Number). 	Research reveals that, "The use of water in the UAE has increased 15 percent since 1990" (Jones and Garcia 34).
Books & Journal Articles with No Obvious Author Titles of large works like books, whole websites, and films are italicized . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (<i>Title</i> [space] Page Number). Titles of smaller works like journal articles and web pages are placed in "quotation marks" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ("Title" [space] Page Number). 	In current travel books, "Sharjah is promoted as the capital of the Arabian Gulf" (<i>Emirates Guide</i> 3). [Book] Without more current research, "We'll never know why so many students drop out of high school" ("Lacking Vital Information" 7). [Webpage or Article Title]
Website/page or Other Work with an Author, but No Page # <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Author's Last Name, par. #). [paragraph #] • (Author's Last Name, ch. #). [chapter #] 	As determined by an EPA environmental study, "fish are getting sick" (Vantri, par. 5).
Website/page or Other Work with a Title but No Author Use the title in your in-text citation (could be the title of the webpage, website, e-book, etc.). If the title is long, shorten it to the 1-3 key words in the in-text citation. Remember, BIG THINGS: websites, books, movies, CDs, & TV series titles are <i>italicized</i> . SMALLER THINGS: Webpages (when part of a website), chapters, articles, poems, songs on CDs, and TV episode titles are placed in "quotation marks." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (<i>Title</i>, par. #). • ("Title," par. #). 	Research shows that, "People have a happiness set-point" (<i>Happiness</i> , par. 13). [eBOOK] According to the founders, "a breeding center for endangered Arabian animals started functioning in February 1998" ("Sharjah Natural History," par. 7). [WEBPAGE]
Citing Two Different Authors or Works in the Same Sentence Separate the citation information for each with a semicolon . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Author #; Author #). 	Although some experts argue "science will be unable to solve the mystery of consciousness," others argue we already have (Heraldez 17; Farah 120).
Citing the Words of an Author Found in Another Text (Indirect Quote) State the name of the author whose words you want to use if not included in the signal phrase, then "qtd. in," then the author of the source, then page number. (Last Name qtd. in Last Name Source #).	The author argues that high schools are pressured to act as "social service centers, and they don't do that well" (Ravitch qtd. in Xun 259). OR Ravitch argues... that well" (qtd in Xun 259).
Citing a Video or Audio Use the author's name and note the time the citation occurs in the video or audio in the 00:00:00 (hours : minutes : seconds) format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Last Name 00:00:00). 	"Stereotype threat distracts those who are stereotyped and creates anxiety, causing them to underperform" (Steele 01:14:32).
Citation Note: If you include the author's name in your sentence, use only the page, paragraph, or chapter number in the parenthesis.	Vang notes that the "period follows the closed parenthesis" (54). or (ch. 2). or (par. 16).