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## New & Notable Changes in APA 7th edition

### Publisher Location

Publisher location is no longer included in the reference citation. This part of the citation is now called the SOURCE and location is not necessary.

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
Covey, S. R. (2013). <i>The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change</i> . <b>New York, NY</b> : Simon & Schuster.	Covey, S. R. (2013). <i>The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal change</i> . Simon & Schuster.

### Shortened in-text citations

In-text citations no longer need all authors listed over 2+ authors. As shown here, even from the FIRST citation, (et al.) can be used after the first author for references with 3+ authors.

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
1 <sup>st</sup> citation (Taylor, Kotler, Johnson & Parker, 2018)	1 <sup>st</sup> citation (Taylor et al., 2018)

### 20+ authors

In the references, citations can now include up to 20 authors **total** listed in a reference citation, you would type in the first 19, and then add the last author at the end. In APA 6th edition up to 7 were included total.

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
Pegion, K., Kirtman, B. P., Becker, E., Collins, D. C., LaJoie, E., Burgman, R., Bell, R., DelSole, R., Min D., Zhu, Y., Li, W., Sinsky, E., Guan, H., Gottschalck, J., Koster, R., . . . Kim, H. (2019). The subseasonal experiment (SubX): A multimodel subseasonal prediction experiment. <i>Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society</i> , 100 (10), 2043-2061. doi: 10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1	Pegion, K., Kirtman, B. P., Becker, E., Collins, D. C., LaJoie, E., Burgman, R., Bell, R., DelSole, R., Min D., Zhu, Y., Li, W., Sinsky, E., Guan, H., Gottschalck, J., Koster, R., . . . Kim, H. (2019). The subseasonal experiment (SubX): A multimodel subseasonal prediction experiment. <i>Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society</i> , 100 (10), 2043-2061. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1">https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1</a>

### DOI as an http://

DOI's (Digital Object Identifiers) are now listed as complete websites on the reference page. DOI's are also accepted shortened using <http://shortdoi.org>, you can search for a shortened form of your DOI there OR if there is not one currently available, it will create one for you. The complete DOI link (OR other website) is also allowed to be active/live for any assignment that is being electronically delivered. If the paper is in print, the link should not be active. Also, if you are able to locate a DOI for a book, include it at the end of the citation after the publisher.

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
doi: 10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1	<a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1">https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0270.1</a>

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## “Retrieved from” usually not necessary

Most websites will no longer need “retrieved from” listed on the reference citation. Website titles (Usually the publisher or corporation) are also used in website reference citations now in the place a journal title would be listed. The only time you need to use “retrieved from, date” is when citing from sources where contents are designed to change over time or are updated by various users and previous editions of the page are not archived (like Wikipedia). The title of the website article or post is also italicized when it was not in the past. A website/URL can be shortened by using link shorteners such as <http://bitly.com> or <http://tinyurl.com>

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
Walker, A. (2019, November 14). Germany avoids recession but growth remains weak. Retrieved from <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127">https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127</a>	Walker, A. (2019, November 14). <i>Germany avoids recession but growth remains weak</i> . <b>BBC News</b> . <a href="https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127">https://www.bbc.com/news/business-50419127</a>

## ONE space after a period.

Keep in mind this is at the discretion of the instructor however, especially when concerning students papers.

## Bias-Free Language & updated grammar & language guidelines

One example of how APA is striving to use language that is free of bias. In this example the use of the singular “they” is now accepted by APA as a gender neutral description.

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
A researcher’s career depends on how often <del>he or she</del> is cited.	A researcher’s career depends on how often <b>they</b> are cited.

## Student Paper Running Head

The running head has been omitted for Student papers (only requiring a page number in the header) and has been simplified for Professional papers. Student papers also do not require the use of an abstract or keywords on the 2nd page.

Sample Student Title Page



## Paper Layout

## Paper Layouts

Student papers and Professional papers have been slightly redesigned with easier to read, bolded heading levels throughout the document.

### APA 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

APA Style Headings: 6th Edition

Level	Format
1	<b>Centered, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading</b> Then your paragraph begins below, indented like a regular paragraph.
2	<b>Flush Left, Boldface, Uppercase, and Lowercase Heading</b> Then your paragraph begins below, indented like a regular paragraph.
3	<b>Indented, boldface, lowercase paragraph heading ending with a period.</b> Your paragraph begins right here, in line with the heading. <sup>4</sup>
4	<b>Indented, boldface, italicized, lowercase paragraph heading ending with a period.</b> Your paragraph begins right here, in line with the heading.
5	<b>Indented, italicized, lowercase paragraph heading ending with a period.</b> Your paragraph begins right here, in line with the heading.

<sup>4</sup>For headings at Levels 3-5, the first letter of the first word in the heading is uppercase, and the remaining words are lowercase (except for proper nouns and the first word to follow a colon).

### APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition:

Table 2.3 Format for the Five Levels of Heading in APA Style

Level	Format
1	<b>Centered, Bold, Title Case Heading</b> Text begins as a new paragraph.
2	<b>Flush Left, Bold, Title Case Heading</b> Text begins as a new paragraph.
3	<b>Flush Left, Bold Italic, Title Case Heading</b> Text begins as a new paragraph.
4	<b>Indented, Bold, Title Case Heading, Ending With a Period.</b> Text begins on the same line and continues as a regular paragraph.
5	<b>Indented, Bold Italic, Title Case Heading, Ending With a Period.</b> Text begins on the same line and continues as a regular paragraph.

Note. In title case, most words are capitalized (see Section 6.17).

## Fonts

In APA 6th edition only Times New Roman 12 pt. was the accepted and preferred font choice. Now the fonts below are also accepted because they are considered legible and widely available and they include special characters such as math symbols and Greek lettering. (APA 7th ed., 2020, p. 44)

APA 6 <sup>th</sup> edition	APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition
Times New Roman 12 pt.	Calibri 11 pt. Arial 11 pt. Lucida Sans Unicode 10 pt. Times New Roman 12 pt. Georgia 11 pt.

## Determining the "author" for non-traditional mediums

APA 7th edition makes general websites, online audio and video (such as podcasts and YouTube videos), webinars, and even television series episodes easier to cite than ever, including the person or group that should be considered the "author" for reference citations.

Citing Contributors in APA 7 <sup>th</sup> edition	
Media Type	Include as the Author:
Film.....	Director
TV series.....	Executive Producer
Podcast.....	Host or executive producer
Webinar.....	Instructor
Online streaming Video.....	Person/group who uploaded the video

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