IN-TEXT CITATION:

REFERENCING SOURCES WITHIN THE TEXT

**One Author**

Research conducted in the field has shown that……. (Harris, 2021)

Harris (2021) based on research in the field, reported that….

**Two Authors**

Research conducted in the field has shown that……. (Harris & Cook, 2019)

Harris & Cook, 2019 reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**Three Authors**

*First reference*

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Harris, Cook & George, 2019)

Harris, Cook & George (2019) based on research in the field, reported that….

*Next references*

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Harris et al., 2019)

Harris et a.l. (2019) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**More than three authors same**

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Harris, Cook, George, Levy et al. 2019)

Harris, Cook, George, Levy et al. (2019) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**More than three authors different**

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Harris et al. 2020)

Harris et al. (2020) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**Abbreviated group author**

*First reference*

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 2020)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, 2020) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

*Next references*

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (CDC, 2020)

CDC (2020) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**Separate sources, different authors:**

. . . and a number of studies have shown identical results (Sanders, 2008; Smith, 2009).

. . . and a number of studies have shown identical results (Sanders et al., 2008; Smith, 2009).

**Two or more publications by the same author:**

It was found that . . . (Smith, 2000, 2004)

REFERENCING SECONDARY SOURCES

*Paper/Essay/book written by Smith who quotes another author called Jones:*

Jones (1990, as cited in Smith, 2009) agreed that the experiment failed to confirm this hypothesis.

The experiment failed to confirm this hypothesis (Jones, 1990, as cited in Smith, 2009).

*The publication date of the primary source is left out if it is not known*

Jacob’s diary (as cited in Cohen, 2015) agreed . . .  
The letter succeeded in confirming this action (Jacob, as cited in Cohen, 2015).

DIFFERENT WORKS OF THE SAME AUTHOR NAME

*Paper/Essay/book written by Smith who quotes another author called Jones:*

J. M. Goldberg and Neff (1961) and M. E. Goldberg and Wurtz (1972) studied . . .

*For different works by exactly the same author(s), published in the same year,*

*(you should differentiate the works by including ‘a’, ‘b’ or ‘c’ etc. after the year when citing in-text)*

Jones (1999a) stated . . .  
Jones (1999b) stated . . .  
Jones (1999a) and Jones(1999b) stated . . . Jones (2008) stated . . .

It was found that…… (Jones 1999a,b; Jones 2008)

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

[Personal communications](https://www.scribbr.com/apa-examples/personal-communication/), such as phone calls, emails, and interviews, are not included in the reference list because readers can’t access them.

They should be avoided!!!!

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

***One Author***

Andreasen (2001) stated that . . .  
It is suggested that. . . (Andreasen, 2001).

**Two Authors**

Copstead and Banasik (2005) stated that . . .  
It is suggested that. . . (Copstead & Banasik, 2005).

**More than three authors same**

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Harris, Cook, George, Levy et al. 2019)

Harris, Cook, George, Levy et al. (2019) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**More than three authors different**

Research conducted in the field has shown that…… (Harris et al. 2020)

Harris et al. (2020) reported that ….. from research conducted in the field

**Narrative referencing examples**

As Harris (2021) has shown, the correlation….., whereas other investigators have found a different aspect of the problem in hand ….. (Smith & Saunders, 2018)

As Harris (2021) has shown, the correlation….., whereas other investigators (Smith & Saunders, 2018), have found a different aspect of the problem in hand …..

*The choice between parenthetical and narrative in-text citation depends on the writer and the flow of the narrative.*