Does this look like you when you are trying to cite in a paper?
An Introduction to APA Style

- Who uses APA?
  - Social Sciences, such as Psychology, Linguistics, Sociology, Economics, and Criminology
  - Business
  - Nursing
  - Education
  - Especially at UWG!!
Why do we use APA?

Using APA Style makes it easier for readers to understand a text by providing a familiar structure they can follow. Abiding by APA’s standards as a writer will allow you to:

- Provide readers with cues they can use to follow your ideas
- Allow readers to focus more on your ideas by not distracting them with unfamiliar formatting
- Establish your credibility or ethos (ethical appeal) in the field by demonstrating an awareness of your audience and their needs as fellow researchers
What issues have you had with APA?

* General formatting of the document?
* Inserting correct in-text citations?
* Crafting a coherent “References” page?
* Finding resources to help with particular aspects of the style?
When writing a paper in APA style, you need to make sure to:

- Include **1 inch margins** on all sides of the paper
- Use a **clear font that is highly readable** (preferably **Times New Roman, 12 pt.**)
- **Double space** throughout the document (exception: block quotes!)
- Include a **page header** (also known as a “**running head**”)
- Must include four major sections:
  - **Title Page**
  - **Abstract**
  - **Main Body**
  - **References**

* [http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/res5e_ch09_s1-0009.html](http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/res5e_ch09_s1-0009.html) (Sample APA paper--look at formatting!)
For all in-text citations, except those following block quotations, the reference is placed immediately before the final punctuation mark of the sentence that refers to that source. In all citations, elements (such as author, publication year, and page number) are separated from each other by commas.

For more information about in-text citations for APA, I encourage you to consult the *Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association* (pgs. 169-192).
When citing in APA, you need to recognize that there is a difference between citing direct quotations and paraphrasing.

Examples:

- **Direct quotation (less than 40 words)**
  - (Smith, 2005, p. 6).

- **Direct quotation (more than 40 words)**
  - . (Smith, 2005, p. 6)

- **Paraphrasing (one author)**
  - (Tisdelle, 2008).

- **Paraphrasing (two authors)**
  - (Johnson & Klein, 2010).

- **Paraphrasing (multiple authors)**
  - First citation: (Bowen, Simpson, & Stewart, 2009).
  - Subsequent citations: (Bowen et al., 2009).
What do I do if...

- **No author is listed**
  - Example: Leadership is not a scientific art (“Leadership versus management,” 2008).

- **Personal communication**
  - Example: Talking with N. Macklin (personal communication, May 30, 2008)...

- **Electronic references**
  - Examples: (McDowell, 2008, para. 2).
    (McDowell, 2008, Union Power section, para. 2).
Your reference page serves to show your reader exactly what sources you utilized in your paper, where they came from, and ultimately how credible they are in terms of content and overall scope. Note that different sources may be cited differently and have specific requirements for the citation to be complete and accurate.

For more information about reference pages and the citations therein, I encourage you to consult the *Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association* (pgs. 193-224).
Common entries on references page in APA include:

Aspects of APA: References? (cont’d)


* **Internet journal:**
  * If digital object identifier (DOI) is available:
Aspects of APA: References? (cont’d)

* Internet Journal: If DOI is not available:
Aspects of APA: Where to find aspects you can’t memorize?

* **Publications Manual of the American Psychological Association:** this would be my first point of reference for this style. This book is fairly easy to navigate and provides a wealth of information about the style and how to use it efficiently.
  * **ISBN:** 978-1-4338-0561-5
* **APA: The Easy Way!**: this text is, what could be considered, “APA-simplified.” This text gives you the same information that is contained in the main manual, but in a condensed version.
  * **ISBN:** 978-0-923568-96-2
* **OWL At Purdue:** this website is wonderful in providing information concerning various writing styles: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/.
A Final Note...

* Also, always feel free to visit the UWC anytime with any questions pertaining to APA style and how to navigate the different aspects therein.

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