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# Common Reference Examples

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More information on references and reference examples appear in Chapters 9 and 10 of the *Publication Manual* and *Concise Guide*. Also see the [reference examples](#) on the APA Style website.

## Journal Article (Section 10.1)

Niepel, C., Hausen, J. E., Weber, A. M., & Möller, J. (2025). Understanding mean-level and intraindividual variability in state academic self-concept: The role of students' trait expectancies and values. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 117(5), 772–788. <https://doi.org/10.1037/edu0000946>

## Online Magazine Article (Section 10.1)

Thomson, J. (2022, September 8). Massive, strange white structures appear on Utah's Great Salt Lake. *Newsweek*. <https://www.newsweek.com/mysterious-mounds-great-salt-lake-utah-explained-mirabilite-1741151>

## Print Magazine Article (Section 10.1)

Nicholl, K. (2020, May). A royal spark. *Vanity Fair*, 62(5), 56–65, 100.

## Online Newspaper Article (Section 10.1)

Bernstein, J. (2024, June 3). The man who couldn't stop going to college. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/06/03/magazine/benjamin-bolger-college-harvard-yale.html>

## Print Newspaper Article (Section 10.1)

Reynolds, G. (2019, April 9). Different strokes for athletic hearts. *The New York Times*, D4.

### **Blog Post (Section 10.1)**

Rutledge, P. (2024, April 23). Are tweens too young for digital literacy? *Dr. Pam: Living With Media*. <https://www.pamelarutledge.com/are-tweens-too-young-for-digital-literacy/>

### **Authored Book (Section 10.2)**

Levenson, H., Jinich, S., Vaz, A., & Rousmaniere, T. (2025). *Deliberate practice in emotionally focused couple therapy*. American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000436-000>

### **Edited Book Chapter (Section 10.3)**

Zelege, W. A., Hughes, T. L., & Drozda, N. (2020). Home–school collaboration to promote mind–body health. In C. Maykel & M. A. Bray (Eds.), *Promoting mind–body health in schools: Interventions for mental health professionals* (pp. 11–26). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000157-002>

### **Online Dictionary Entry (Section 10.3)**

American Psychological Association. (2018). Internet addiction. In *APA dictionary of psychology*. <https://dictionary.apa.org/internet-addiction>

### **Report by a Group Author (Section 10.4)**

World Health Organization. (2025). *Global report on neglected tropical diseases*. <https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/9c4655d8-3671-4503-ae51-4a80bb44d5e0/content>

### **Report by Individual Authors (Section 10.4)**

Winthrop, R., Ziegler, L., Handa, R., & Fakoya, F. (2019). *How playful learning can help leapfrog progress in education*. Center for Universal Education at Brookings. [https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/how\\_playful\\_learning\\_can\\_help\\_leapfrog\\_progress\\_in\\_education.pdf](https://www.brookings.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/how_playful_learning_can_help_leapfrog_progress_in_education.pdf)

### **Press Release (Section 10.4)**

American Psychological Association. (2024, April 11). *People who use willpower alone to achieve goals, resist temptation, deemed more trustworthy* [Press release]. <https://www.apa.org/news/press/releases/2024/04/people-who-use-willpower>

### **Conference Session (Section 10.5)**

Davidson, R. J. (2019, August 8–11). *Well-being is a skill* [Conference session]. APA 2019 Convention, Chicago, IL, United States. [https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/a5ea5d51/files/uploaded/APA2019\\_Program\\_190708.pdf](https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/a5ea5d51/files/uploaded/APA2019_Program_190708.pdf)

### **Dissertation From a Database (Section 10.6)**

Horvath-Plyman, M. (2018). *Social media and the college student journey: An examination of how social media use impacts social capital and affects college choice, access, and transition* (Publication No. 10937367) [Doctoral dissertation, New York University]. ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global.

### **Preprint Article (Section 10.8)**

Latimier, A., Peyre, H., & Ramus, F. (2020). *A meta-analytic review of the benefit of spacing out retrieval practice episodes on retention*. PsyArXiv. <https://psyarxiv.com/kzy7u/>

### **Data Set (Section 10.9)**

O'Donohue, W. (2017). *Content analysis of undergraduate psychology textbooks* (ICPSR 21600; Version V1) [Data set]. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. <https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR36966.v1>

### **Film or Video (Section 10.12)**

Mann, K. (Director). (2024). *Inside out 2* [Film]. Pixar Animation Studios.

### **TV Series Episode (Section 10.12)**

Dippold, K. (Writer), & Trim, M. (Director). (2011, April 14). Fancy party (Season 3, Episode 9) [TV series episode]. In G. Daniels, H. Klein, D. Miner, & M. Schur (Executive Producers), *Parks and recreation*. Deedle-Dee Productions; Fremulon; 3 Arts Entertainment; Universal Media Studios.

### **Webinar (Section 10.12)**

Lee, C., McAdoo, T., & Denny, S. (2023). *APA Style seventh edition refresher for instructors* [Webinar]. American Psychological Association. <https://apastyle.apa.org/instructional-aids/tutorials-webinars>

### **YouTube Video (Section 10.12)**

Above The Noise. (2017, October 18). *Can procrastination be a good thing?* [Video]. YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQMwmBNNOnQ>

### **Song or Track (Section 10.13)**

Nirvana. (1991). Smells like teen spirit [Song]. On *Nevermind*. DGC.

### **Radio Broadcast (Section 10.13)**

Hersher, R. (2020, March 19). *Spring starts today all over America, which is weird* [Radio broadcast]. NPR. <https://www.npr.org/2020/03/19/817237429/spring-starts-today-all-over-america-which-is-weird>

### **Podcast Episode (Section 10.13)**

Santos, L. (Host). (n.d.) Psychopaths and superheroes (No. 1) [Audio podcast episode]. In *The happiness lab with Dr. Laurie Santos*. Pushkin Industries. <https://www.happineslab.fm/season-2-episodes/episode-1>

### **Infographic (Section 10.14)**

American Psychological Association. (n.d.). *Data sharing* [Infographic]. <https://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/data-sharing-infographic.pdf>

### **PowerPoint From a Classroom Website (Section 10.14)**

Mack, R., & Spake, G. (2018). *Citing open source images and formatting references for presentations* [PowerPoint slides]. Canvas@FNU. <https://fnu.onelogin.com/login>

### **X Post (Section 10.15)**

Obama, B. [@BarackObama]. (2024, May 17). *Today marks 70 years since the Supreme Court handed down its landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education, outlawing* [Post]. X. <https://x.com/BarackObama/status/1791540592238874953>

### Open Educational Resource (Section 10.16)

Fagan, J. (2024, February 7). *Nursing clinical brain*. OER Commons. Retrieved April 8, 2025, from <https://www.oercommons.org/authoring/53029-nursing-clinical-brain/view>

### Webpage (Section 10.16)

Taras, Z. (2024, May 30). *Situational irony can be funny, tragic or even terrifying*. HowStuffWorks. <https://entertainment.howstuffworks.com/arts/literature/situational-irony.htm>

### Webpage on a News Website (Section 10.16)

Volpe, A. (2024, June 3). *How the self-care industry made us so lonely*. Vox. <https://www.vox.com/even-better/350424/self-care-isolation-loneliness-epidemic>

### Webpage With a Retrieval Date (Section 10.16)

Worldometer. (n.d.). *Current world population*. Retrieved October 17, 2025, from <https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/>



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