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Author(s). (Year of publication). *Title of work*. City of publication: Publisher.


**Article in a Book**

Author(s). (Year of Publication).

Title of article. In Editor(s), *Title of book*. (page numbers). City of Publication: Publisher.

Article in an Academic Journal

Author(s). (Year of publication). Title of article. Title of Journal, Volume number (Issue number), Page numbers.


Article in a Magazine

Author(s). (Date of publication). Title of article. Title of Journal, Volume number, Page numbers.


Article in a Newspaper

Author(s). (Date of publication). Title of article. Title of Newspaper, Page number.


Basic Form for Internet Sources

Author(s). (Date of publication). Title of online document. Date retrieved and exact web address

**A journal article taken from a database**

Author(s). (Year of publication). Title of article. *Title of Journal, Volume number* (Issue number), Page numbers. Doi: digital object identifier number


**Important Facts**

1) If you cite a source in the text, include it in the reference list.

2) List references in alphabetical order by authors’ last names.

3) The reference list should be double-spaced.

4) Indent five spaces after the first line of entry (“hanging indent”).

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When quoting or paraphrasing a reference source, that source must be cited. The citation information (author, date, and, with direct quotations, page number) is included in parentheses after the quote or paraphrase:

“Participants in the study revealed that 88% of their anxieties resulted from inhospitable treatment by doctors and nurses” (Davidson, 2001, p. 44).

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3) When referencing a work by **three or more authors**, the first citation made includes all the authors’ last names (Brown, Miller, & Thompson, 1977, p. 14), while subsequent citations use only the first author’s name with the “et al.” notation: (Brown et al., 1977, p. 14).

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