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Examples:

- One Author: e.g. Mankiw (1998)
- Two Authors: (Hill & Jones, 2007)
- Three Authors: Tiernan et al. (2006)
- Six or more Authors: (Massart et al., 1990)

GenAI text APA In text citation

- ChatGPT's generated text to the response to the prompt "What are the important factors contributing to successful sports stars" are hard work and determination and to be the best in their field (OpenAI, 2025).

How to create a Gen AI APA image citation



Fig 1. Dragon at the foot of a mountain (Canva, 2025)

Reference List

Chapter in a book (where a book has chapters written by different authors)

For chapter title use capitals for the first word of the title and subtitle and any proper nouns. Use (p.). for a single page and (pp.). for multiple pages.

- Format: Author Surname, Initial. (Year). Title of Chapter. In Author's/Editor's Initial. Surname, *Title of book* [in italics] (Edition.). (p.). Publisher.
- Example: Laffan, B. (1999). The European Union and Ireland. In N. Colins (Ed.), *Political issues in Ireland today* (p. 36). Manchester University Press.

For an editor use (Ed.)

Book

For books italicize the title. For author, provide surname and initial. Only include edition if it is not the first edition eg. (5th ed.). There is no full stop after the title when there is an edition.

- Format: Author Surname, Initials. (Year of Publication). *Title*. [in italics] (Edition.). Publisher
- Example: Mankiw, N.G. (1998). *Principles of economics*. Dryden Press.

Edited Book

For an edited book, place the editor in the Author spot and put in the abbreviation (Ed.) or (Eds.) after the last editor.

- Example: Massart, D.L., Brereton, R.G., Dessy, R.E., Hopke, P.K., Spiegelman, C.H. & Wegscheider, W. (Eds.). (1990). *Chemometrics tutorials*. Elsevier Science Publishers.

eBook

- Format: Author/Editor Surname, Initial. (Year). Title [in italics]. (Edition.). Publisher. DOI (if available)
- Example: Sargeant, M. (Ed.) (2011). *Age discrimination and diversity: Multiple discrimination from an age perspective*. Cambridge University Press. DOI

Electronic Journal article

- Format: Author Surname, Initial. (Year). Title of article. Journal title, [in italics] volume [In Italics] (issue), pages. DOI or URL (if available)
- Example: Power, A. & Kenny, K. (2011). When care is left to roam: Carers experience of grassroots nonprofit services in Ireland. *Health and place*, 17(2), 422-429.

Web Page

- Format: Author Surname, Initial. (Year of publication or last date updated). Title. [In italics] Name of Website [if different from author] DOI or URL
- Example: Health and Safety Authority. (2016). *Health and Safety Authority*. <http://www.hsa.ie/eng/>

Audio Visual Material including works of art, paintings and photographic prints.

- Format: Director Surname, Initial. (Director).(Year). Title[In italics] [Medium]. Distributor/Publisher.
- Example: Guggenheim, D. (Director). (2006). *An inconvenient truth: The crisis of global warming* [Film]. Paramount.
- Format: Artist or group (Year). Title of song.[Description] On Title of album [In Italics]. Label.
- Example: Keane. (2008). Spiralling [song]. On *Perfect Symmetry*. Universal Island Records Ltd.
- Format: Artist Surname, Initial. (Year). Title of work [In Italics] [Medium]. Location.
- Example: le Brocquy, L. (1994). *Image of W.B. Yeats* [Painting]. Crawford Art Gallery, Cork.

GenAI text Reference list entry

- Author. (Year). *Name of model* (version) [Large language model]. URL
- OpenAI. (2025). *ChatGPT* (version 3.5) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/chat>

The author is the company that developed the model

Year is the year the content was created

The name of the model is ChatGPT

Version is the version you have used

[Large language model] Description of the model you use

Give the url of the information

GenAI Image Reference list entry

- Author. (Year). *Name of model [in italics] if different from Author* (version) [Graphic design model]. URL
- Canva. (2025). (Canva free version) [Graphic design model].
https://www.canva.com/design/DAGjku-FvDk/qrfRqHeTQDd-LOPZIC8dyA/view?utm_content=DAGjku-FvDk&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h05a7828611

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