In-Text Citations in APA Format

**NOTE:** If no location information (e.g. page number) is present, omit that part of the citation.

**One Author**

**Notes:**
- When you mention an author, use only their last name.
- The source’s year of publication appears immediately after the author’s name, regardless of where the author’s name occurs.

**Example that uses a signal phrase:**
- Leeson (2009) writes in *The Invisible Hook*, “pirate life was orderly and honest” (p. 45).

**Example that uses only a parenthetical citation:**
- Pirates “had a strong incentive to secure social harmony” (Leeson, 2009, p. 46).

**Two Authors**

**Notes:**
- Use both authors’ last names in the citation.
- In signal phrases, spell out the word “and.” In parentheses, use an ampersand.

**Example that uses a signal phrase:**
- Research by Krcmar and Cingel (2016) found that “moral reasoning is present in video game play” (p. 100).

**Example that uses only a parenthetical citation:**
- According to research, “more experienced game players use more moral reasoning during game play” (Krcmar & Cingel, 2016, p. 99).
Three to Five Authors

Notes:
- The first time you cite a source, use all the authors’ names in the citation.
- In subsequent mentions, abbreviate the list of author names by including only the first author’s last name followed by “et al.”
- In signal phrases, spell out the word “and.” In parentheses, use an ampersand.

Example of a first mention using a signal phrase:

Example of a subsequent mention using a signal phrase:
- As Berkowitz et al. (2003) advised, “weight loss medications should only be used experimentally in adolescents” (p. 1811).

Example of a first mention that uses only a parenthetical citation:
- Outside of experimental situations, such medication should only be prescribed to adults (Berkowitz, Wadden, Tershakovec, & Cronquist, 2003, p. 1811).

Example of a subsequent mention that uses only a parenthetical citation:
- Outside of experimental situations, medication for weight loss should only be prescribed to adults (Berkowitz et al., 2003, p. 1811).

No Authors

Notes:
- If using a signal phrase, use the whole title. Inside a parenthetical citation, use only the first two or three words of the title.
- Follow standard conventions to decide whether the title should be italicized or in quotation marks.

Example that uses a signal phrase:

Example that uses only a parenthetical citation:
- That said, it is also true that “blah blah” (“First Words,” 2010, p. 165).