Electronic Sources/Reference Examples (color coded)

Note: In your text, all entries should be made in black font.

Red: Author
All authors’ names are given first and in reverse order; the first and middle initials only are used (as given). Notice the use of the ampersand (rather than “and”) before the last name.

Green: Date
For database entries, only include the publication year. The year is surrounded by parenthesis and followed by a period.
For magazines that are published monthly, provide the year first and then the month. For example: (2003, September). For those published weekly, provide the day as well: (2003, September 12). The day is provided for newspaper articles as well (see below). If a season is provided rather than a month, list the year and then the season separated by a comma.

Blue: Article Information
Give the article title and subtitle (separated by a colon); then the journal title and volume number (in italics) and issue number (in parentheses). Follow with a comma and the inclusive page numbers.

Purple: Online Location
Notice that database names are not included in the citation. If a DOI is not available, provide the home page URL of the journal, online magazine or newspaper to avoid any future nonworking URLs (APA, 2010, p. 191, 201). There is no space between the colon and the DOI number.

Database Example
doi:10.1037/1541-1559.3.2.97

Magazine (online) Example
Note: This particular magazine does not have a volume number; however, when one is given, include it in italics after the title (as in the database example). Newspaper titles are also italicized (see below).

Newspaper Article (online) Example