# Langsdale Guide to APA Style

## Two Parts to EVERY Citation in APA style

1. **References list entry**
   - References are listed on a separate page with the title Works Cited at the top of the page.
   - Arrange entries in alphabetical order by author’s last names, or by title for sources without authors.
   - Use author’s last name first, followed by the first initial and middle initial, if available. Additional authors follow the same format: last name, first initial.
   - Capitalize only the first word and proper nouns of a book title, article title or website. If there is a subtitle, only capitalize the first word and proper nouns of the subtitle.

2. **In-text citation** (a.k.a. “parenthetical citation”)
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* Note: When a digital objective identifier (DOI) is available, include it in the citation. If a DOI is not available and the text was retrieved online, include a link to the journal’s homepage.


(Brown, 2005, p. 65)

(Smith, Rain, & Zong, 2006, p. 22)

(Simmons, 1988, p. 153)

(Moskowitz, 1992, p. 125)

(Maltz, Barrett, & Brill, 2004, p. 58)
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**Web Page, no author or date** | Statistics. (n.d.). *National Women's Political Caucus*. Retrieved April 18, 2014 from http://www.nwpc.org/statistics  *Note: Webpages can easily change, so include the date you retrieved the information.**  **Note: In this example, the title of the website is an organization, which is a proper noun so all words are capitalized. The general rule for websites is to only capitalize the first letter and proper nouns.* | (“Statistics,” n.d., para. 3)

**Film or video recording** | Apatow, J. & Robertson, S. (Producers), & Sommers, S. (Director). (2009). *Pineapple Express* [DVD]. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment. | (Apatow, Robertson, & Sommers, 2009)


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