Crash Course in MLA 9th Edition



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☐ In-text citations

☐ Works Cited page

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In-Text Citations

In-text citations are short-hand references to sources which allow readers to quickly find the corresponding citation on the Works Cited page.

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For example: To cite information from a book, use the author's last name and the page number.

(Last Name Page Number).

(Smith 82).

The above in-text citation is in parentheses, so it's referred to as a parenthetical citation.

A few things to notice:

☐ There is no comma between the last name and the page number

☐ Parenthetical citations belong at the very end of the sentence, so the period is on the outside of the parentheses

"Simple repetitive motions like raking... allow the brain to unwind, allow the psyche to decompress" (Hellermann 658-659).

Signal Phrasing

Another method of citing in-text is via *signal phrasing*. This method includes the source's information in the sentence (page numbers always belong in parentheses).

According to Elizabeth Nunez, "Veterans who receive dental care...are 15% more likely to have obtained residential housing" (368-369).

Works Cited Page

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☐ Type "Works Cited" and center it at the top of the page

☐ Alphabetize by the first letters of each source

☐ Use hanging indents

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Website*

Author Last Name, First Name. "Name of page/article." *Name of Website*, date of resource creation, DOI/URL. Access date.

Nall, Rachel. "Everything You Want to Know About Migraine." *Healthline*, 27 Oct. 2021, www.healthline.com/health/migraine. Accessed 10 May 2022.

*To cite an entire website without a specific page, skip "Name of page/article."

Online Journal

Author Last Name, First Name. "Title of Source." *Title of Journal*, volume, issue, publication date, page number(s). *Database*, URL/DOI.

Kosnick, Kiki. "The Everyday Poetics of Gender-Inclusive French: Strategies for Navigating the Linguistic Landscape." *Modern & Contemporary France*, vol. 27, no. 2, May 2019, pp. 147–161. *Taylor & Francis Online*, https://doi.org/10.1080/09639489.2019.1588869.

Books

Last Name, First Name. Title of Book. Publisher, Publication Year.

Cooper, Brittney. Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower. Picador, 2019.

Notes

Access dates

When citing materials from the web, the access date is encouraged but not required. It is especially encouraged to list the access date if the website does not include a publication and/or copyright date.

Using organizations as authors

Formal organizations and agencies (e.g. the United States Department of Education, Grand Rapids Community College, National Institutes of Health, etc.) may be used in place of the author if no specific author is listed on the webpage.

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