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Journal or Magazine Articles

Article from a print journal

Passons, W. R. (1967). Predictive validities of the ACT, SAT and high school grades for first semester GPA and freshman courses. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, 27(4, pt. 2), 1143-1144.

Article from a journal with continuous pagination

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Lahey, B. B. (2009). Public health significance of neuroticism. *American Psychologist*, 64, 241-256.

Article from a journal with non-continuous pagination

If each issue of a journal starts with page 1, include the issue number in the citation.

Barclay, M. W. (1993). The echo phase. *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*, 24(1), 17-45.

Article from an online journal with DOI (Digital Object Identifier) Assigned

Sawyer, J. (1966). Measurement and prediction, clinical and statistical. *Psychological Bulletin*, 66(3), 178-200.
doi:10.1037/h0023624

Article from an online journal without DOI

Philipp, S. (2000). Race and the pursuit of happiness. *Journal of Leisure Research*, 32(1), 121-125. Retrieved from Academic Search Complete database.

Article with no author identified

[Review of the book *Drive: 9 ways to motivate your kids to achieve*, by J. W. Caffrey]. (2009). *Adolescence*, 44(173), 245.

Article with two to seven authors

Use an ampersand (&) before the last author.

Liberman, V., Boehm, J. K., Lyubomirsky, S., & Ross, L. D. (2009). Happiness and memory: Affective significance of endowment and contrast. *Emotion*, 9(5), 666-680. doi:10.1037/a0016816

Books

Book with a single author or editor

Arnheim, R. (1974). *Art and visual perception: A psychology of the creative eye. (New version)*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

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Use an ampersand (&) before the last author.

Festinger, L., Riecken, H. W., & Schachter, S. (1956). *When prophecy fails*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press.

Article or chapter in an edited book

Nelson, G., Lavoie, F., & Mitchell, T. (2007). The history and theories of community psychology in Canada. In S. M. Reich, M. Riemer, I. Prilleltensky, & M. Montero (Eds.), *International community psychology: History and theories* (pp. 13-36). New York, NY: Springer.

Electronic version of print book

Kappeler, P. M., & Silk, J. B. (Eds.). (2010). *Mind the gap: Tracing the origins of human universals* [SpringerLink version]. doi: 10.1007/978-3-642-02725-3

Other types of materials

Book review

Grant, A. M. (2009). [Positive psychology coaching: Putting the science of happiness to work for your clients, by R. Biswas-Diener and B. Dean]. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 4(5), 426-429. doi:10.1080/17439760902992498

Dissertation

Choe, Y. (2009). *Individual differences in understanding speech* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses. (UMI No. 3319473)

Government document

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. (2001). *Cognitive impairment and recovery from alcoholism* (Alcohol Alert No. 53). Rockville, MD: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration.

Web page

Autism Speaks Inc. (2005). *Autism speaks*. Retrieved from <http://www.autismspeaks.org/index.php>

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