**APA Manual 7th Edition: The Most Notable Changes**

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You can also consult the APA web site at <https://apastyle.apa.org/>

1. **The publisher location is no longer included in the reference.**

 🗷 Covey, S. R. (2013). *The 7 habits of highly effective people: Powerful lessons in personal*

 *change*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster. (This entry is incorrect.)

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 *change*. Simon & Schuster. (This entry is correct.)

1. **The in-text citation for works with three or more authors is now shortened right from the first citation. You only include the first author’s name and “et al.”.**

 🗷 (Taylor, Kotler, Johnson, & Parker, 2018) (This entry is incorrect.)

 🗹 (Taylor et al., 2018) (This entry is correct.)

1. **Surnames and initials for up to 20 authors (instead of 7) should be provided in the reference list.**

 🗷 Miller, T. C., Brown, M. J., Wilson, G. L., Evans, B. B., Kelly, R. S., Turner, S. T., … Lee, L. H. (2018). (This entry is incorrect.)

 🗹 Miller, T. C., Brown, M. J., Wilson, G. L., Evans, B. B., Kelly, R. S., Turner, S. T., Lewis, F., Nelson, T.

 P., Cox, G., Harris, H. L., Martin, P., Gonzalez, W. L., Hughes, W., Carter, D., Campbell, C.,

 Baker, A. B., Flores, T., Gray, W. E., Green, G., … Lee, L. H. (2018). (This entry is correct.)

1. **DOIs are formatted the same as URLs. The label “DOI:” is no longer necessary.**

🗷 doi: 10.1080/02626667.2018.1560449 (This entry is incorrect.)

🗹 [https://doi.org/10.1080/​02626667.2018.1560449](https://doi.org/10.1080/%E2%80%8B02626667.2018.1560449) (This entry is correct.)

1. **URLs are no longer preceded by “Retrieved from,” unless a retrieval date is needed. The website name is included (unless it’s the same as the author), and web page titles are italicized.**

🗷 Walker, A. (2019, November 14). Germany avoids recession but growth remains weak. Retrieved

from [https://www.bbc.com/​news/business-50419127](https://www.bbc.com/%E2%80%8Bnews/business-50419127) (This entry is incorrect.)

🗹 Walker, A. (2019, November 14). *Germany avoids recession but growth remains weak*. BBC

News. [https://www.bbc.com/​news/business-50419127](https://www.bbc.com/%E2%80%8Bnews/business-50419127) (This entry is correct.)

1. **For e-books, the format, platform, or device (e.g. Kindle) is no longer included in the reference, and the publisher is included.**

🗷 Brück, M. (2009). *Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites* [Kindle

version]. https:/doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2 (This entry is incorrect.)

🗹 Brück, M. (2009). *Women in early British and Irish astronomy: Stars and satellites*. Springer

Nature. https:/doi.org/10.1007/978-90-481-2473-2 (This entry is correct.)

1. **Clear guidelines are provided for including contributors other than authors and editors. For example, when citing a podcast episode, the host of the episode should be included; for a TV series episode, the writer and director of that episode are cited.**
2. **Dozens of examples are included for online source types such as podcast episodes, social media posts, and YouTube videos. The use of emojis and hashtags is also explained.**

**Inclusive and bias-free language**

Writing inclusively and without bias is the new standard, and APA’s new publication manual contains a separate chapter on this topic.

The guidelines provided by APA help authors reduce bias around topics such as gender, age, disability, racial and ethnic identity, and sexual orientation, as well as being sensitive to labels and describing individuals at the appropriate level of specificity. Some examples include:

1. **The singular “they” or “their” is endorsed as a gender-neutral pronoun.**

🗷 A researcher’s career depends on how often he or she is cited. (This entry is incorrect.)

🗹 A researcher’s career depends on how often they are cited. (This entry is correct.)

1. **Instead of using adjectives as nouns to label groups of people, descriptive phrases are preferred.**

🗷 The poor (This entry is incorrect.)

🗹 People living in poverty (This entry is correct.)

1. **Instead of broad categories, you should use exact age ranges that are more relevant and specific.**

🗷 People over 65 years old (This entry is incorrect.)

🗹 People in the age range of 65 to 75 years old (This entry is correct.)

**APA Paper format**

In the 7th edition, APA decided to provide different paper format guidelines for professional and student papers. For both types a sample paper is included. Some notable changes include:

1. **Increased flexibility regarding fonts: options include Calibri 11, Arial 11, Lucida Sans Unicode 10, Times New Roman 12, and Georgia 11.**
2. **The running head on the title page no longer includes the words “Running head:”. It now contains only a page number and the (shortened) paper title.**

🗷 Running head: THE EFFECT OF GOOGLE ON THE INTERNET (This entry is incorrect.)

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1. **The running head is omitted in student papers (unless your instructor tells you otherwise).**
2. **Heading levels 3-5 are updated to improve readability.**

**Mechanics of style**

In terms of style, not much has changed in the 7th edition. In addition to some updated and better explained guidelines, there are two notable changes:

1. **Use only one space after a period at the end of a sentence.**
2. **Use double quotation marks instead of italics to refer to linguistic examples.**

🗷 APA endorses the use of the singular pronoun *they* (This entry is incorrect.)

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