APA Referencing for Education

Every reference will consist of two parts: an in-text citation and an entry in the reference list. Each in-text citation should have a corresponding entry in your reference list, however you only need to list each text in your reference list once. Ensure the reference you provide in the text is identical to the one provided in the reference section.

In-Text Citations:

An in-text citation requires the following information:

> Author(s) surnames

> Year of publication

> Page/paragraph number(s) – if you are directly quoting the text

1 Author:

The children "found play stimulating" (Smith, 2017, p. 98).

Smith (2017) stated that the children "found play stimulating" (p. 98).

2 Authors:

The children "found play stimulating" (Smith & Frank, 2017, p. 98).

Smith and Frank (2017) stated that the children "found play stimulating" (p. 98).

3 - 5 Authors:

The first time you will need to write out all the author names, the second and subsequent times you can shorten it by replacing all but the first author name with 'et al.'

First time:
The children "found play stimulating" (Smith, Frank, & Jenson, 2017, p. 98).

Smith, Frank, and Jenson (2017) stated that the children "found play stimulating" (p. 98).

Subsequently:
The children "found play stimulating" (Smith et al., 2017, p. 98).

Smith et al. (2017) stated that the children "found play stimulating" (p. 98).

6 Or More Authors:

You cite the first author and then replace other author names with 'et al.'

> The children "found play stimulating" (Smith et al., 2017, p. 98).
>
> Smith et al. (2017) stated that the children "found play stimulating" (p. 98).

Organisational Names with Abbreviations:

You cite the full name of the organisation the first time with the abbreviation in square brackets. The second and subsequent times you can use the abbreviation.

AITSL reference

> **First time:**
> (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership [AITSL], 2014).
>
> **Subsequently:**
> (AITSL, 2014).

ACARA reference

> **First time:**
> (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority [ACARA], 2016).
>
> **Subsequently:**
> (ACARA, 2016).

NESA reference

Be careful of the date here, as some pages have different dates

> **First time:**
> (NSW Education Standards Authority [NESA], 2016, para. 5).
>
> **Subsequently:**
> (NESA, 2016, para. 5).

Reference List

Your reference list should be in alphabetical order by author surname. It should also be in a hanging indent to help your reader easily scan the list to find a reference.

To format your reference list correctly in Microsoft Word, highlight the reference list and:
Mac: cmmd + T
PC: ctrl + T

Authors

Note: Where the author is a group, you should put a full stop after the author name.

Book

Author, A. A. (year). *Title: Subtitle.* City, US State or Country: Publisher.

US publisher:

Smith, S. (2017). *How children play: Imagination at work*. Funsville, FL: Imagination Press.

Non-US publisher:

Smith, S. (2017). *How children play: Imagination at work*. Funsville, Australia: Imagination Press.

Chapter Of An Edited Book

This format should be used if the chapters have different authors. If the chapters all have the same author(s), reference as a book, not as a chapter.

Author, A. A. (year). Title of chapter. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), *Title of book* (pages of chapter). City, US State or Country: Publisher.

US publisher:

Smith, S. (2017). Play and war. In G. Frank (Ed.), *How children play: Imagination at work* (pp. 61-90). Funsville, FL: Imagination Press.

Non-US publisher:

Smith, S. (2017). Play and war. In G. Frank (Ed.), *How children play: Imagination at work* (pp. 61-90). Funsville, Australia: Imagination Press.

Journal Article

Author, A. A. (year). Title of article: Subtitle of article. *Title of Journal, volume*(issue), page numbers of the whole article.

Smith, S. (2017). Play and war: Sandpits and trenches. *International Journal of Play, 17*(3), 61-90.

Online Webpage

A webpage is a section of a website that does not stand on its own as complete.

Author, A. A. (year). Title of webpage. Retrieved from URL

Smith, S. (2017). Managing conflict in the classroom. Retrieved from
http://teachingcommons.yorku.ca/resources-2/teaching-strategies/managing-conflict-in-the-classroom/

Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority. (2016). English. Retrieved from
https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/english/

Web Document Or Web Site

A web site or web document reference is used where the page being used stands alone and does not require outside context to make sense.

Author, A. A. (year). *Title of document or web site*. Retrieved from URL

Dunbar, C. (2014). *Best practices in classroom management.* Retrieved from
http://www.usu.edu/ata/docs/classroom_management.ppt

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership. (2014). *Australian professional standards for teachers.* Retrieved from http://www.aitsl.edu.au/australian-professional-standards-for-teachers

NSW Education Standards Authority. (2016). *Writing and representing 1.* Retrieved from
http://syllabus.nesa.nsw.edu.au/english/english-k10/content/875/