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APA Header **Each page:** Page number in top right corner 2 **Writing in APA Style 7th Edition Example Paper** Writing in the style of the American Psychological Association (APA) is a regular practice for students of higher degree programs in psychology and many programs in science. The new	**MLA Header** **Each page:** Student's last name and page number (right aligned) See above for example.

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In-text Citations

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Parentheses *APA emphasizes dates (Last name, publication date, page number) **Narrative** style: Yanovski and Yanovski (2002) explained that addiction was once considered "a moral failing" (p. 594). **Parenthetical** style: Addiction was once considered "a moral failing" (Yanovski & Yanovski, 2002, p. 594). **Online sources sometimes do not have page #s**	**Parentheses** *MLA does not include dates for in-text citations (Last name page #) NO COMMA, NO "p." for page # *Example:* Yanovski and Yanovski explained that addiction was once considered "a moral failing" (594). OR Addiction was once considered "a moral failing" (Yanovski and Yanovski 594). **Online sources sometimes do not have page #s**
Signal Phrases Signal phrases include the **author's last name** and the **publication date in parentheses** right after the author's last name (the page # goes in parentheses at the end of the citation). Signal phrases use the **past tense** ("argued") or **present perfect tense** ("has argued"). In APA **do not include** <u>the title</u> of the study, article, journal, or book in the body of your paper. *Example:* Southern and Gordon (2003) noted that "environmental factors may contribute as much as 80% to the causes of childhood obesity" (p. 104). *Example:* Lane (2003) argued that "without adequate discipline, the World Wide Web can be a tremendous time sink" (p. 142).	**Signal Phrases** Signal phrases include the **author's last name or author's first and last name** (the page # goes in parentheses at the end of the citation). Signal phrases **can** use the **present tense** ("argues") The signal phrase **can include** the title of the study, article, journal, book, or website **Note:** don't include a "p." before the page number. *Example:* Southern and Gordon note that "environmental factors may contribute as much as 80% to the causes of childhood obesity" (104). *Example:* Frederick Lane in *The Naked Employee* argues that "without adequate discipline, the World Wide Web can be a tremendous time sink" (142).
Last Name(s) and Year in Signal Phrase In general, for APA you would *not* mention the credentials of the author(s). Hopkins and Travers (2004) noted that "…" (31). Gindlesperger (2014) argued that "obesity ... [has] many contributing factors beyond one type of food or beverage." In the social sciences, it is typical to refer to authors by their **last name only**, even the first time you mention them.	**Give Context for your Reader** with signal phrases that mention the credentials of the author(s) James Hopkins and Don Travers, **medical researchers**, note that "…" (31). Christopher Gindlesperger, **senior director of public affairs at the American Beverage Association**, argues that "obesity … [has] many contributing factors beyond one type of food or beverage." **The first time** you introduce a source use their **first and last name**. Every time after use their last name only.
Indirect Source example: (Avoid if possible) Satcher described "a nation of young people seriously at risk of starting out obese" (as cited in Crister, 2003, p. 4).	**Indirect Source example:** (Avoid if possible) Former surgeon general Dr. Satcher described "a nation of young people seriously at risk of starting out obese" (qtd. in Crister 4).
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