

MLA - Magazine

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Be as specific as you can with the date of publication. The year of publication may be preceded by the name of an edition, eg 'Spring 2015.'

Examples

Easther, Elisabeth. "Drama Queens." *North & South*, no. 374, May 2017, pp. 28-31. search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=anh&AN=122601983&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Larsen, David. "Hidden Gems." *Metro*, no. 393, 19 May 2015, pp. 106-7.

Reverse the order of the first author's name. Place a comma preceding an 'and' before the second author's name.

Format

Author One, and Author Two. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, vol. volume, no. issue, date of publication, pp. page numbers.

Example

Britton, Catriona, and Samantha Gianotti. "Water We Doing?" *Craccum*. no. 5, 2017, p.4, craccum.ausa.auckland.ac.nz/2017/issue-05-2017

See One Author above for **Formats (Electronic and Print)**

Include only the first author's name, followed by 'et al.'

Format

Author One, et al. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, vol. volume, no. issue, date of publication, pp. page numbers.

Author One, et al. "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper*, Edition if relevant, date of publication, edition, pp. page/section numbers.

Example

Jenkins, Edward, et al. "Tax Incentives for Offshore Companies." *Institutional Investor*, no. 331, Feb. 2054, pp. 9-10.

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If the author is unknown, start with the article title.

Format

"Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, vol. volume, no. issue, date of publication, pp. page numbers.

Example

"People are Talking about: Warhol's Women Who are Men." *Vogue*, vol. 159, no. 10, Jun 01, 1972, pp. 134-134, 135, The Vogue Archive.

See One Author above for **Formats (Electronic and Print)**

Format

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, vol. volume, no. issue, date of publication, URL.

Example

Priestley, Rebecca. "Colony Collapse Disorder : New Zealand Under Threat?" *New Zealand Listener*, vol. 229, 9 July 2011, www.noted.co.nz/archive/listener-nz-2011/colony-collapse-disorder-new-zealand-under-threat.

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See also: [translated work](#), [multiple works by the same author](#), [one source cited in another](#), [similar information from multiple works](#), [abbreviations](#).

In-text citation

Cite the source when paraphrasing another person's ideas or words. Either add parenthesised author and page number following the cited material, or if you name the author in the structure of your text, just add the page number at the end of your sentence. When citing material from the same author in the same paragraph, only the page number is needed, as long as the work cannot be confused with other citations.

- ... it was the case as shown in a recent study (Smith 125). His other finding was that pass rates increased (128).
- In a recent study, Smith showed that this was indeed the case (125). His other finding was that pass rates increased (128).

- A recent study showed that laughter had a positive effect (Cooper and Dewe 38). Another finding was that there were fewer confrontational episodes (40).
- In a recent study, Cooper and Dewe showed that laughter had a positive effect (38). Another finding was that there were fewer confrontational episodes (40).

When the work has three or more authors, either cite all names as they appear on the title page, or only the first author, followed by et al.

- A recent study showed that testosterone levels of male rats declined (Smith et al. 78). Another finding was that the rats became less aggressive (92).
- In a recent study, Smith et al. showed that testosterone levels of male rats declined (78). Another finding was that the rats became less aggressive (92).

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See also: [more on paraphrasing ...](#)

Quoting

Direct quotes require quotation marks and page numbers.

- Research suggests that "students perform better when rested" (Smith 56).
- Smith observed that "students perform better when rested" (56).

See also: [more on quoting, including long quotes ...](#)

This material is based on:

[MLA Handbook](#) . 8th ed. Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

"MLA Works Cited: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)." *Purdue Online Writing Lab* . Purdue University, 2016. owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/18.

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