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| chap. | chapter |
| ed. | edition |
| Rev. ed. | revised edition |
| 2nd ed. | second edition |
| Ed. (Eds.) | Editor (Editors) |
| Trans. | Translator(s) |
| n.d. | no date |
| p. (pp.) | page (pages) |
| vol. | Volume (as in Vol.4) |
| vols. | volumes (as in 4 vols.) |
| No. | Number |
| pt. | Part |
| Tech. Rep. | Technical Report |
| Suppl. | Supplement |

The following are some examples.

REFERENCES TO BOOKS

Book, single author

Strong, A. B. (1997). Cyber shopping: A new realm. New York: Information Technology Press.

Edited book, edition other than first

Halsey, G. E., & Small, P. (Eds.). (1996). Basic collection for a music library (4th ed.). London: Rondo Books.

Article or chapter in an edited book

Hudson, L. (1996). Third stage and mental development. In W. Pell & Z. White (Eds.), Mental health (pp.111-119). New York: St. Martin's.

REFERENCES TO TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH REPORTS

National Institute of Mental Health. (1988). Eating disorders: Causes and treatment (DHHS Publication No. ADM 88-1088). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Lee, R. E. & Ma, L. P. (1992). Mathematics and memorization. (Report No. ONR-9204; UCSD-CHIP 128). San Diego: University of California, Center for Human Information Processing. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 246 440)

REFERENCES TO PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA

Published

Katz, M. (1995). Concentration and memorization: Their relationship. In A. Iyer & G. B. Richardson (Eds.), Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Attention and Performance (pp. 265-286). London: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Unpublished

Baldante, F. A. (1986, May). Repetitive behavior: Universal behavior? Paper presented at the meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Los Angeles.

REFERENCES TO DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Microfilm copy

Hu, H. (1992). J. S. Bach's six sonatas and partitas for unaccompanied violin: Philosophical structure. Dissertation Abstracts International, 48 (05), 2001A. (University Microfilms No. AAC 92-34241)

Paper copy

Tyson, T. D. (1993). Distance learning: Its financial impact (Doctoral dissertation, Stanford University, 1993). Dissertation Abstracts International, 35, S6775.

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REFERENCES TO REVIEWS

Grayson, F. G. (1993). New definition: A historical view [Review of the book From librarian to information specialist]. Information Outlook, 1 (5), 56-57.

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REFERENCES TO PERIODICALS

One author

Carlson, E. J. (1997). Search engines: Who is the best? Searcher, 5 (4), 34-44.

More than two authors

Young, K. A., Wilson, P. Y., Anderson, D. W. & Lee, E. S. (1997). Local orchestra repertoire: Design and desire. Journal of Performing Arts, 36, 231-237.

[Note: list ALL authors - using surnames and initials - regardless of number. Use an ampersand (&) before the last author]

Newspaper article

Safire, W. (1996, December 12). White house is getting busy. The New York Times, p. A1.

[Note: newspapers use the abbreviation for page and pages - p. and pp.]

Periodical published annually

Thompson, A., & Phillips, D. (1987) Musicology in a developing society: The case of China. Annual Review of Musicology, 20, 14-42.

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REFERENCES TO ELECTRONIC MEDIA

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On-line sources

Ledger, W. (1995, March). Adult sibling rivalry. Psychology Today [On-line], 26. Available: Lexis/Nexis Library; File: NEWS; PSYTDY

Abstract on CD-ROM

Smith, L. K. & Wang, J. (1992). Impact of breastfeeding on a child's mental development. [CD-ROM]. Developmental Psychology, 30, 845-850. Abstract from: SilverPlatter File: PsycLIT: 78-16405

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One author

The impact of breastfeeding is significant during a child's mental development (Ledger, 1985).

As Walker (1995) noted

Two authors

Considering China in the context of a developing society (Wang & Li, 1997)

[Note: always cite both surnames EVERY time when they are referred to in the text]

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White, Eppard, and Arm (1996) found (first citation)

White et al. (1996) pointed out (subsequent citation)

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Six or more authors

As a result of their study of search engines (Allan et al., 1997)

[Note: cite only the surname of the first author followed by et al. and the year every time the work is cited]

Corporate author

With regard to the causes of eating disorders (National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 1996) (first citation)

In treating eating disorder (NIMH, 1996) (subsequent citation)

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Previous studies on this topic (Freire, 1984; Taylor & Wilson, 1985)

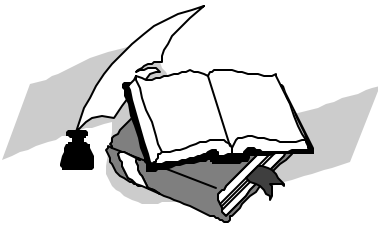
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Bush (1946) suggested that "hypertext mechanism will be a major method in information retrieval system" (p. 265).

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