

Examples of Parenthetical or In-text Documentation

Parenthetical or In-text Documentation is how you state within your document from where you borrowed your information.

Remember:

1. Do not use the word “page” or abbreviations for page.
2. Cite only one or two pages so your reader can find the information you have cited in that specific location.

If you are documenting information from –

- an article, journal, newspaper or book by one author/editor, type the author/editor's last name and the page number(s) used in parentheses.
Example: (Jones 24)
- more than one article, journal, newspaper or book by the same author/editor, type the author/editor's last name, comma, the title, and the page number(s) used in parentheses.
Example: (Smith, Our Times, 33-34)
- one article, journal, newspaper or book by one author/editor and you have used that author/editor's name and the title of the work in the text of your document, type just the page number(s) used in parentheses.
Example: (44)
- a work (book, magazine, newspaper or journal) with no author/editor, type the title of the work and the page number(s) used in parentheses.
Example: (Our Times 53-54)
- a source with multiple volumes, do not use the word “volume” or the abbreviation for volume. Instead, type the author/editor's last name, the volume number, a colon, a space and then the page number(s) used in parenthesis.
Example: (Jones 6: 64)
- a quote that was directly from another source, type “qtd in” and the page number used in parentheses.
Example: (qtd in Smith 74)
- a quotation in the middle of some text in your document, type “qtd in” and the page number immediately after the quotation in parenthesis (even if the documentation is positioned in the middle of text).
Example: According to Bob Smith's research, “dogs have 4 legs” (qtd in Jones 84) and most 3 year olds know this fact.
- the web, remember that web documents often do not have fixed page numbers. If you cannot find any page number, type only the author or title in parenthesis.
Example: (Smith)