Examples Using the Parenthetical Format

This format consists of a set of parentheses around the in-text citation. The citation includes: the author(s)' last name(s), a comma, a publication date, and the page number (required for quotations; not a requirement for paraphrasing or summarizing).

Please remember, all sources cited in-text must be fully cited on the reference page. Go to the REFERENCE LIST section of this guide for detailed information on how to create a reference entry.

Author(s) known citing a quotation:

“Very few people have 20/20 vision. Being able to see well is crucial to success in some sports” (Caplan, 2005, p. 593).

The author(s) is unknown:

(Use the title of the book, article, pamphlet, etc. Use just the first one or two words of the title. The titles of longer works such as books, journals, brochures (pamphlets), reports, and films are italicized. the titles of shorter works such as essays, articles, songs, and chapters are placed within quotation marks).

Example of a book without an author citing a quote:

In many instances, "mules can be stubborn" (Five Acres, 1976, p. 56).

Example of a journal article without an author citing a quote:

The current generation of students "enjoy the freedom of mobile phones" ("Go Wireless," 2011, p. 376).

The author is a group or corporate entity:

Example of a corporate entity that does not use a well-known name abbreviation citing a quote:

In many states, the number of animals in "the wild is decreasing exponentially to the increase of people in a particular environment" (Animals in Nature Association, 2008, p. 78).

Example of a corporate entity that has a well-known name abbreviation (citing a paraphrased sentence):

(The following example is the first in-text citation for this source. If you are citing this source in other parts of your paper, do not use the full name of the corporation, use the abbreviated name: for example (AHA, 2008). Also, the page number is not a requirement with a paraphrased sentence).

Daily exercise can have positive benefits to the heart (American Heart Association [AHA], 2007).
The web page author is unknown. There is not a publication date or a page number available. A quote is being used from the web page:

"Decreasing the use of mono-saturated fats in a diet will decrease health risks in many people" ("Cooking Healthy," n.d., para. 5).

Signal Phrase

This format consists of a phrase that alerts the reader that a paraphrase of a quote is about to follow. The citation includes: the author(s)'s last name(s), the year in parentheses, and the page number (if a quote). The page number is not required for paraphrases or summaries.

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Author(s) known citing a quotation:

According to Caplan (2005), "very few people have 20/20 vision. Being able to see well is crucial to success in some sports" (p. 593).

The author(s) is unknown:

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Example of a book without an author citing a quote:

In *Five Acres and Independence* (1976), it was discovered that, in many instances, "mules can be stubborn" (p. 56).

Example of a journal article without an author citing a quote:

According to the article "Go Wireless" (2011), the current generation of students "enjoy the freedom of mobile phones" (p. 376).

The author is a group or corporate entity:

Example of a corporate entity that does not use a well-known name abbreviation citing a quote:

Research by the Animals in Nature Association (2008), has shown that, in many states, the number of animals in "the wild is decreasing exponentially to the increase in the human population" (p. 78).
Example of a corporate entity that has a well-known name abbreviation (citing a paraphrased sentence):

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According to the American Heart Association (AHA, 2007), daily exercise can have positive benefits to the heart.

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According to "Cooking Healthy" (n.d.), "decreasing the use of mono-saturated fats in a diet will decrease health risks in many people" (para. 5).