

APA Comparison (5th edition to 6th edition)

Fifth Edition, 2001		Sixth Edition, 2010	
Paragraph Headings	p. 113	pp. 62-63	
First Level	Centered with upper and lowercase words	Bolded and centered with upper and lowercase words	
Second Level	Centered in italics with upper and lowercase words	Bolded at the left margin with upper and lowercase words	
Third Level	At the left margin in italics with upper and lowercase words	Bolded and indented with only the first letter of the first word in caps and ending with a period	
Fourth Level	Indented and italicized with only the first letter of the first word in caps and ending with a period	Bolded, indented, and italicized with only the first letter of the first word in caps and ending with a period	
References	pp. 215-281	pp. 180-224	
Databases	References from databases (e.g., ProQuest, EBSCO) have the reference entry ending with the name of the database: Daniels, C. (2004, July 28). 50 best companies for minorities. <i>Fortune</i> , 149(13), 136-141. Retrieved October 19, 2004, from ProQuest database. References from databases may end with the DOI [®] (Digital Object Identifier) and without a retrieval date if the source has a DOI: Tzschentke, N., Kirk, D., & Lynch, P. A. (2004). Reasons for going green in serviced accommodation establishments. <i>International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management</i> , 16(2), 116-124. doi:10.1108/09596110410520007	Database information (e.g., ProQuest, EBSCO) is not needed because these databases vary among institutions. Use the DOI record for electronic references, not the name of a database: Tzschentke, N., Kirk, D., & Lynch, P. A. (2004). Reasons for going green in serviced accommodation establishments. <i>International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management</i> , 16(2), 116-124. doi:10.1108/09596110410520007 If the document does not have a DOI, use the URL of the publisher's website: Daniels, C. (2004, July 28). 50 best companies for minorities. <i>Fortune</i> , 149(13), 136-141. Retrieved from http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fortune/	
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City and State	Only the city is required with publication information in book entries if the city is well known for publishing (e.g., Boston, New York): Caldwell, I., & Thomason, D. (2004). <i>The rule of four</i> . New York: Dial.	Use the state abbreviation with publication information in book entries even if the city is well known for publishing: Caldwell, I., & Thomason, D. (2004). <i>The rule of four</i> . New York, NY: Dial.	
Page Header & Running Head	p. 296	p. 41	
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Abstract	pp. 12-13	pp. 25-27	
	Acceptable length of an abstract is 120 words.	Acceptable length of an abstract is between 120 and 250 words.	
In-Text Citations	pp. 213-214	pp. 171-172	
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Preferred Spacing	p. 290	pp. 87-88	
	Use one space after sentence-ending punctuation.	Use two spaces after sentence-ending punctuation for ease of reading in the body of the work, not references.	
Preferred Spelling	Web site	website	

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