A Quick Guide to Formatting
In-text Citations in APA
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One work by one author

_Citation in Text_
Lee (2016) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

_Parenthetical Citation_
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Lee, 2016).

One work by two authors

_First Citation in Text_
Lee and Richards (2016) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

_Parenthetical Citation_
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Lee & Richards, 2016).

One work by three, four, or five authors

_First Citation in Text_
Lee, Richards, and Smith (2016) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

_Subsequent Citations_
Lee et al. (2016) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

_Parenthetical, First Citation_
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Lee, Richards, & Smith, 2016).

_Subsequent Citations_
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Lee et al., 2016).

One work by six or more authors

_First Citation in Text_
Lee et al. (2016) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

_Subsequent Citations_
Lee et al. (2016) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

_Parenthetical, First Citation_
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Lee et al., 2016).

_Subsequent Citations_
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Lee et al., 2016).
Groups (with well-known abbreviations) as authors

First Citation in Text
The Center for Disease Control (CDC, 2002) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

Subsequent Citations
The CDC (2002) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

Parenthetical, First Citation
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (Center for Disease Control [CDC], 2002).

Subsequent Citations
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (CDC, 2002).

Groups (without well-known abbreviations) as authors

First Citation in Text
The University of Minnesota (2007) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

Subsequent Citations
The University of Minnesota (2007) investigated the risks inherent in drinking tap water.

Parenthetical, First Citation
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (University of Minnesota, 2007).

Subsequent Citations
There are risks inherent in drinking tap water (University of Minnesota, 2007).

Multiple citations for one sentence*
There are inherent risks in drinking tap water (Lee & Richards, 2016; North et al., 2017; Zebra, 1999).

*List the sources in alphabetical order, separating each with a semicolon.

(Adapted from Table 6.1 Basic Citation Styles, in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition, p. 177)