

In-text Citation

Uses LEAST amount of information to point reader to the proper full citation

Put inside parentheses () to emphasize that it is not essential

In-Text Citation “Rules”

Citations should be specific, not blanket – no (Smith 14-20)

Period goes AFTER the citation
(Smith 23).

In-Text Citation “Rules”

Cite **first** use of specific info in a paragraph, not the end of the whole paragraph

If you have several sentences with the same citation – only cite the **first**

In-Text Citation “Rules”

Each new paragraph requires a new citation, even if it’s exactly the same as previous

Each new page requires a new citation – if more than a few lines are carried over

In-Text Citation

The in-text parentheses contains a **Reference to a specific full citation**

Reference element is the word used to alphabetize the full citation

MLA (Ariely

APA (Ariely

MLA In-Text Citation

The in-text parentheses contains a Reference to a specific full citation

MLA finishes the in-text citation with the specific page # for the cited information

MLA (Ariely 81)

APA (Ariely

APA In-Text Citation

The in-text parentheses contains a
Reference to a specific full citation

APA finishes the in-text citation with the
year the source was published

MLA (Ariely 81)

APA (Ariely, 2008)

APA In-Text Citation

The in-text parentheses contains a
Reference to a specific full citation

APA includes both the year and the specific
page # for a direct quote (not paraphrase)

MLA (Ariely 81)

APA (Ariely, 2008, p. 81)

Electronic In-Text Citation

Internet sources do not have consistent page
numbers

So you either use NO specific page number

MLA (Dirda)

APA (Dirda, 2009)

Or cite by paragraph number if known

MLA (Dirda ¶ 8) par.8

APA (Dirda, 2009, ¶ 8) para. 8

In-Text Citation

If you introduce the reference in the
sentence, then no need to repeat in ()

MLA

According to Ariely, it is true (115)

APA

According to Ariely (2008), it is true.

According to Ariely(2008), "it is
true"(p. 115).

In-Text Citation of Corporate Author

Just put them in the parentheses

(United States, Department of Defense 4)

But best to reference author in sentence
instead if at all possible

The United States Department of Defense
(2006) tells us...