

Writing a bibliography (reference list) in APA style

Bibliographies are important because they:

- Show the resources that you have used to get your information, this helps your teachers to check if you are using good quality, reliable sources of information.
- Gives credit to the authors of the information for their ideas and work

How do I organise my bibliography?

- Your bibliography will be organised in alphabetical order, using the SURNAME of the author, or the NAME of the organisation, that created it. This includes website.
- You should leave a line free between each entry
- Author names are always written as “Surname, initial of first name”, for example John Smith would be written as “Smith, J.”. Where you see “Author” in the below table, write the name in this style.
- For websites, if you cannot find a year, write “n.d.” for no date in its place.
- Only include the website name if it is different from the organisation name

Resource	Elements of the reference with appropriate grammar	Example reference
A book with ONE author	Author. (Year of publication). <i>Title of the book: subtitle</i> . Publisher name.	Bailey, B. (2024). <i>My animals and other animals: a memoir of sorts</i> . Quercus Books.
A book with TWO or more authors	Author 1, author 2, & author 3. (Year of publication). <i>Title of the book: subtitle</i> . Publisher name.	Gilliland, B., & Challoner, J. (2015). <i>Science but not as we know it: cutting-edge concepts made simple</i> . Dorling Kindersley Limited.
Websites or documents	Author or organisation name. (Year the website/ document was created). <i>Title of the webpage/ document</i> . Website name. URL (For documents, this URL is where you downloaded it from)	Australian Space Agency. (2018). <i>Learning resources and activities</i> . https://www.space.gov.au/learning-resources-and-activities
Video or image from a website	Author. (Date published). Title [Video]. Platform name. URL	Schooling online. (2021). Theme of language and communication. ClickView. https://www.clickview.net/secondary