

Reference style

for John Benjamins journals and book series using the *APA Publication Manual*

Please make sure that APA is the appropriate style for the series or journal in which you are publishing. This information can be found on the 'Author info' tab of the series/journal on the Benjamins website.

It is *essential* that the references are formatted to the specifications given in these guidelines, as these cannot be formatted automatically.

In-text citations

Follow the conventions below. Separate author and year by a comma and use a colon to indicate page numbers.

Table 1. In-text citations for different numbers of authors

Number of authors	Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation
one	(Barlow, 2013, p. 450)	Barlow (2013, p. 450)
two	(Collins & Yao, 2013)	Collins and Yao (2013)
three or more	(Leech et al., 2001)	Leech et al. (2001)

Arrange **two or more works by the same authors** by year of publication, each work separated by a comma, e.g. (John, 2011, 2013, 2016).

Lists **of two or more works cited within the same parenthesis** are separated by semicolons, e.g. (John, 2013, 2016; Collins & Yao, 2013; Black et al., 2009).

Please avoid long sequences of references, especially when they are not discussed but simply listed.

All references in the text should appear in the references section.

References section

We recommend using a reference manager to ensure consistency.

A note on first names. The APA style asks for first names to be reduced to initials only. We prefer keeping valuable information if that is at hand, so contrary to the APA (and the examples below) we encourage you to keep first names in the references *if* you have those available; there is no need for you to put in extra work in order to delete information (but also no requirement to look them up if you do not already have them in your data).

Make sure that all references cited in the text are included in the list of references, and that the list does not include any entries that have not been cited in the text.

For publications in other languages than English, please add an English translation in square brackets; this applies for book titles and article titles.

Authors are encouraged to supply – with a reference, not instead of – the DOI if they have that information readily available.

Below you can find examples of common reference types relevant to linguistics. For more examples, please check the [APA Style website](#)

Journal article

- Barlow, M. (2013). Individual differences and usage-based grammar. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, 18(4), 443–478.
- Collins, P., & Yao, X. (2013). Colloquial features in World Englishes. *International Journal of Corpus Linguistics*, 18(4), 479–505.

Book

- Biber, D. (2006). *University language: A corpus-based study of spoken and written registers*. John Benjamins.
- Bubenhofner, N. (2009). *Sprachgebrauchsmuster: Korpuslinguistik als Methode der Diskurs- und Kulturanalyse* [Patterns of language usage: Corpus linguistics as a method of analyzing discourse and culture]. De Gruyter.
- Leech, G., Rayson, P., & Wilson, A. (2001). *Word frequencies in written and spoken English: Based on the British National Corpus*. Longman.

Chapter in edited book

- Barnbrook, G., & Sinclair, J. (2001). Specialised corpus, local and functional grammars. In M. Ghadessy, A. Henry, & R. L. Roseberry (Eds.), *Small corpus studies and ELT: Theory and practice* (pp. 237–276). John Benjamins.
- Halliday, M. A. K. (1991). Corpus studies and probabilistic grammar. In K. Aijmer & B. Altenberg (Eds.), *English corpus linguistics* (pp. 8–29). Longman.

Dissertation

Unpublished thesis or dissertation (print copy available from the university)

- Moon, R. (1994). *Fixed expressions and text: A study of the distribution and textual behaviour of fixed expressions in English* [Unpublished doctoral dissertation]. University of Birmingham.
- Published dissertation/thesis available online: provide database information and URL*
- Kyle, K. (2016). *Measuring syntactic development in L2 writing: Fine grained indices of syntactic complexity and usage-based indices of syntactic sophistication* [Doctoral dissertation]. Georgia State University. ScholarWorks @ Georgia State University. https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/alesl_diss/35/
- Miller, D. (2012). *The challenge of constructing a reliable word list: An exploratory corpus-based analysis of introductory psychology textbooks* (Publication No. 3524373) [Doctoral dissertation]. Northern Arizona University. ProQuest Dissertations.

Newspaper article

- Bromwich, J. E. (2020, February 14). Lots of rich men tweet like the President now. *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/14/style/billionaire-tweet-ecosystem.html>

Corpora and data sets

For reference examples for general data sets see

<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammarguidelines/references/examples/data-set-references>.

For corpora, see the examples below. Note that a retrieval date is only necessary if the corpus is being updated continuously and this is not reflected in version numbers. Please also check whether the compilers have provided preferred citation information.

BNC Consortium. (2007). *British National Corpus* (version 3, BNC XML ed.).

<http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk>

Davies, M. (2016–). *Corpus of News on the Web (NOW): 3+ billion words from 20 countries, updated every day*. Retrieved on 22 November 2021 from <https://www.english-corpora.org/now/>

Computer software

Anthony, L. (2019). *AntConc* (Version 3.5.8) [Computer software]. Waseda University.

<https://www.laurenceanthony.net/software>

Scott, M. (2020). *WordSmith Tools* (Version 8.0) [Computer software]. Lexical Analysis Software. <https://lexically.net/wordsmith/downloads/>

Note that for unpublished conference materials, APA 7 still asks for information on the venue, to identify the conference. For published conference presentations in online proceedings or edited collections, no venue is required.

Unpublished conference paper

Römer, U., & O'Donnell, M. B. (2010, May 26–30). *Positional variation of n-grams and phrase-frames in a new corpus of proficient student writing* [Paper presentation]. ICAME 31 Conference, Giessen, Germany.

Poster presentation

Le Foll, E. (2017, July 24–28). *Textbook English: A corpus-based analysis of language use in German and French EFL textbooks* [Poster presentation]. Corpus Linguistics Conference 2017, Birmingham, UK.

Published conference paper (conference proceedings)

Entries for published conference papers in proceedings should follow the same format as a chapter in an edited book. Please provide as much information as possible to ensure that the paper can be identified. If possible, provide the editors and a URL and/or the publisher (if any).

Erjavec, T. (2013). Slovene corpora for corpus linguistics and language technologies. In K. Gajdišová & A. Žáková (Eds.), *Natural Language Processing, Corpus Linguistics, e-Learning: Proceedings* (pp. 51–61). RAM.

Kutuzov, A., Øvrelid, L., Szymanski, T., & Velldal, E. (2018). Diachronic word embeddings and semantic shifts: a survey. In E. M. Bender, L. Derczynski, & P. Isabelle (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics* (pp. 1384–1397). Association for Computational Linguistics.

<https://aclweb.org/anthology/papers/C/C18/C18-1117/>