
MLA Documentation has two parts:
1. A detailed list of Works Cited
2. A citation within the text of the academic paper (parenthetical or in-text citation)

**Works Cited Definition:**
An **alphabetical list** of all the sources you use to write your paper. Works you consult during your research but do not borrow from are **not** included in this list.

**Works Cited Formatting:**
All sources are listed alphabetically by the first word in each citation entry.
- Double-space the list
- Indent the second line of an entry either by using hanging indent or indent the second line of each entry 5 spaces
- Top of page and sides have 1" margins

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**How to Cite in MLA Style: How to Format the Works Cited page – Basic Formats:**

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“Four Weddings and a Funeral (Minus Three Weddings and a Funeral).” *Happy Endings*, season 2, episode 21, Sony Pictures Television, 04 Apr. 2012. *Hulu*, www.hulu.com/watch/347176#!/0,p20,s2,d0.

**Example of a Works Cited page:** all works are listed alphabetically

**Works Cited**


@persiankiwi. “We have report of large street battles in east & west of Tehran now - #Iranelection.” *Twitter*, 23 June 2009, 11:15 a.m., twitter.com/persiankiwi/status/2298106072.


Parenthetical Documentation - using ( ) to identify your source

In the MLA format, parenthetical or in-text documentation is used to briefly identify the sources of information you have borrowed in writing your paper. Parenthetical documentation should be integrated smoothly into the text of your paper, rather than listed separately.

- **Cite the source right in the text of your paper.** If the readers want to get more information, they can go to the Works Cited list at the end of your paper.
- **If the author's name is mentioned in your writing (this is called a "signal phrase"), you only need to put the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.** The reader can go to the list of Works Cited at the end of the paper to get the complete citation.
- **What if you cannot find a page number?** Use a section number if it is given; otherwise just use the author's name or, if no author is given, the first words of the title.

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Ross Parke notes that "natural fathers aren't the only ones raising children on their own. As more families split up, social workers note that stepfathers increasingly are being called on to bring up other people's kids" (52).

According to Bernard Farber in Encyclopedia Americana, there is a trend toward waiting to marry and toward postponing the birth of the first child (6)

According to the website Our Fathers, "Almost 20 percent of fathers ask for child custody after divorce."

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**Examples- Parenthetical or In-text Citations**

**When you use the author's name in your sentence:**
- Ross Parke notes that "natural fathers aren't the only ones raising children on their own. As more families split up, social workers note that stepfathers increasingly are being called on to bring up other people's kids" (52).

**When you do NOT use the author's name in your sentence:**
- Child support payments can be withheld from wages in 45 states (Schorr 33).

**When you cite more than one work or example by the same author:**
- One theory emphasizes the principle that dreams express "profound aspects of personality" (Foulkes, “Sleep” 184). But investigation shows that young children's dreams are “rather simple and unemotional” (Foulkes, “Dreams” 78).

**When the work you are citing has multiple authors:**
- At the turn of the century many men worked long hours, which “entailed their absence from the family for most of the day: that was not a rejection of fatherhood but a necessary element of it” (McKee and O'Brien 54).

**When there is no author:**
- "Fathers today no longer know who they are or what their wives and children expect from them" (Fathers Confused 5), and this increases the likelihood they will abandon their families.
In-text citation Sample Paragraph

The Sun is the star at the center of the Solar System. The Sun has been radiating light and heat since the birth of the Earth about 4.55 billion years ago. The Sun is about 300,000 times as massive as the Earth. “In the 1920s Cecilia Payne discovered that the Sun is 98 percent hydrogen and helium” (Chown 30). It is a nearly perfect sphere of hot plasma, with internal convective motion that generates a magnetic field via a dynamo process. “The Sun is for us humans of particular significance, because it provides us with the source of all life” (Aschwanden 72).

Works Cited


Please note that your Works Cited list should be a separate page at the end of your essay.

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