

# APA Citations

It's important to remember, when we're talking about citations, we're talking about two different things:

- **References Sheet**

- At the end of the paper
- Looks like a bibliography
- In depth information about each source

- **In-Text Citations**

- At the end of every sentence where you've used outside information
- Short, so that they don't interrupt the flow of the paper
- Lets the reader know exactly which information you got from another source

# What do in-text citations look like?

**(Author LastName, Year, Page Number) - (Alvarez, 2014, 10)**

- Author is the default, but if there is no author, use the the **title** instead - ("Density of Objects", 2014, 47)
- If there are no page numbers (like a website), skip the page number completely - ("Density", 2014)
- If there is no year listed on a website, use n.d.  
("Density", n.d.)
- The first word in your in-text citation should correspond to the entry in your References page so readers can match them up  
**Never include the full website address in an in-text citation**

# Where do in-text citations go?

**At the end of any sentence where you've used information from another source, you need an in-text citation.**

Contrary to popular belief, ice cream actually tastes better when served hot (Hessel, 2014).

- The in-text citation goes before the period, and is in parentheses
- Even if you use quotation marks, you still need an in-text citation

## Where does the citation go?

Density is a physical property of matter, as each element and compound has a unique density associated with it. **Density defined in a qualitative manner as the measure of the relative "heaviness" of objects with a constant volume. The formal definition of density is mass per unit volume.** Usually the density is expressed in grams per mL or cc. **cc is a cubic centimeter and is equal to a mL.**

From: a website with no author, called "Density is a Physical Property", written in 2014

# Making a References Page

## References

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- The References page is ALWAYS on it's own page
- Double space everything!
- Use the same neutral font as the rest of your paper
- Organize the entries alphabetically
- Use the hanging indent on citations that take up more than one line
- The word References should always appear, centered, at the top of the page