Part B: Examples of APA Referencing

When you paraphrase or quote other people’s information, ideas or opinions, you have to cite your sources in the text of your assignment. In addition, you have to provide a reference list containing full information for each source that you have used. A recommended online APA referencing tool can be found at either:

- http://my.noodletools.com/noodlebib/express.php (At the Noodle Tools Express webpage click on APA) or

In-text citation

When paraphrasing or quoting, you need to write:

1. The name(s) of the author(s) or the organisation
2. The year of publication
3. The page number or paragraph number of the original source

An example of paraphrasing (from a book):

There are two main views of the relationship between people and the earth. The first states that nature is there for mankind’s benefit (Newsome, Dowling & Moore, 2005, p. 2).

When quoting you also need to put quotation marks (“….”) at the start and end of the quote.

An example of a quotation (from a website):

The second view is that “all species have value, all forms of life have a right to exist” (ThinkQuest, 2005, para. 1).

Reference list

The APA reference list, titled References, contains the full details of all the sources you have used in your assignment. For example, if you used 10 different sources in your assignment your reference list should also have 10 sources listed. This will allow your tutor to find those sources. The reference list should be on a separate page at the end of your assignment.

For each type of source you have used, the information needs to be provided in a particular order. In addition, the whole reference list needs to be formatted according to APA style. See APA Referencing: A Guide for Ara Students.
For example, a reference list entry for a book should have the following information in this order:

Author’s surname (family name) and initials, or name of the organisation that is the author.  
(Date of publication). Title of book (and subtitle if there is one). Place of publication: 
Name of publisher.

Note the punctuation marks and the use of italics for the book title.

The reference list entry for the book cited above would be:

Channel View Publications.

A reference list entry for a website should have the following information in this order:

Author’s surname (family name) + initials, or name of the organisation that is the author (Date of posting revision). Title of the web page used. Retrieval date. Web address

Note the punctuation marks and the use of italics for the title of the web page.

A reference list entry for the website cited above would be:

http://Library.thinkquest.org/02oct/01590/humans/enviroworldview.html?tql-iframe

(Copy and paste the webpage URL, for accuracy and convenience. Do NOT add a full stop to the URL).

Where can I get more help?

- Follow the Referencing Learning Pathway on the Learning Services website on Campus Life at: http://campus.ara.ac.nz/support-for-you/learning-services-new
- Grab the APA referencing guide. Print copies are available from the Library ($5) and an electronic copy is at: http://tekete.ara.ac.nz/file/9a02a036-ab19-4369-8d09-8b2894708014/6/APA_6th_Edition.pdf
- See our hand out Part A: An Introduction to Referencing