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(From MLA Handbook, 9th edition, section 6)

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In-text citations may refer to general information **paraphrased from the source** (*no direct quotation*) or to a **specific quotation from the source** (*direct quote from source in quotation marks*). **Always provide in-text citations when using information from sources.** Below are examples of common formats. For more information consult <https://style.mla.org/> or MLA Handbook, 9th edition (2021).

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Source with 3+ authors	(Charon et al. 7). List first author's last name then et.al then page number(s). Works cited page: Charon, Rita, et al. <i>The Principles and Practice of Narrative Medicine</i> . Oxford UP, 2017.
Source with corporate author	According to a study by the National Institutes of Health, adults need 7-8 hours of sleep (9). OR: Adults need 7-8 hours of sleep (National Institutes of Health 9).
Source with no author (Use title of work)	("Reading at Risk" 3). OR: "Reading at Risk" notes a decline in reading (3). <i>Use shortened title of the source in quotes if article or italics if website</i>
Paraphrasing source	Naomi Baron asserts there is more to reading than literacy (194).
Quoting source directly in sentence	According to Naomi Baron, reading is "just half of literacy. The other half is writing" (194). OR: Reading is "just half of literacy. The other half is writing" (Baron 194).
Citing source with no page number	(Winston). <i>If no page number is available just use the author's last name</i>