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(APA, 2009, pp. 183-189)
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Example:

*Journal of Clinical Periodontology, 22*(12), 946-952.
Reference Citation Example

Abstract

Example:

doi:10.1177/146642400112100408
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“Online Newspaper Article”

Example:


Reference Citation Example
“Magazine Article”

Example:

Reference Citation Example

“Website”

Basic Format:

Author Last Name, Author First Initial., Author Middle Initial. (Year). *Title of work*. Retrieved from URL

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- **publication year**
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Example:

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“Interview Recorded and Available on an Archive”

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