Guide to Finding and Citing Scholarly Sources in Nonverbal Communication

Step 1: Think about Your Topic’s Key Concepts and Synonyms for Your Key Concepts

- Pick out the key concepts in your topic
  (Example: In the topic “the role of touch in a baby’s development” – the key concepts are touch and baby’s development)

- Brainstorm synonyms and related concepts for your key concepts:
  (Example: A synonym or related concept for the concept of baby is child)

Step 2: Searching for Articles

A good database to begin searching is PsycINFO.

- To get to from the library homepage: http://cooklibrary.towson.edu/ ⇒ Databases A-Z ⇒ “P” ⇒ PsycINFO

- Search Option A: Advanced Search (Good for finding search terms and lots of articles)

  In “Advanced Search” construct a search using your key concepts, synonyms, and related concepts along with the correct operators (*/and/or/not). Also, check the box next to “Peer Reviewed” in the middle of the page before searching.

* – Truncates end of a word
  (Example: child* = child, children, etc.)

and – Searches for articles containing both terms

or – Searches for articles containing either term

not – Searches for articles that do not contain a term
Next, Refine Search Using Title Words and Subject Terms

- **Search Option B**: Thesaurus (Good for finding a few articles focused on your topic)

Click on the **Thesaurus** link at the top of the page

Browse for your first key concept

Select (or explode, if necessary) the proper terms for your key concept along with the correct operators (and/or/not)
Browse for your second key concept

Select (or explode, if necessary) the proper terms for your key concept along with the correct operators (and/or/not)

Double check your operators! You should have ORs in between your synonyms (inside the parentheses) and ANDs in between your key concepts (outside the parentheses).

Search and then click the box next to “Peer Reviewed” on the right side of the results page
Step 3: Retrieve Articles

- PDF Full Text
- HTML Full Text
- findit

Step 4: Find Related Articles in the Cited References, Times Cited, and Author Hyperlinks

- Communication & Mass Media Complete: Contains articles related to communication
- Business Source Premier: Contains articles related to business communication
- CINAHL: Contains articles related to health care and communication
- Education Research Complete: Contains articles related to education and communication
- SocINDEX: Contains articles related to communication and society
- SportDiscus: Contains articles related to sports and communication
- Academic Search Complete: Contains articles across a variety of disciplines

Step 5: Check Other Databases for More Articles

Step 6: APA Citation

Retrieve Citation Information and Check Citation Information

See Cook Library's Style Guides at: http://cooklibrary.towson.edu/styleGuides.cfm

See an APA Sample Paper at: http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/18/
APA has two elements to their citations:
- In-text citation in parentheses (these go with each direct quote or paraphrase)
- Reference list (at the end of your paper)

Sample In-Text Citations:
- Direct Quote:
  - "White rats are the best subjects for this test" (Smith, 2010, pp. 50-51).
  - Smith (2010) went on to explain, “Hamsters make better pets than lab rats” (p. 51).
- Paraphrase
  - Smith (2010) surveyed this phenomenon.
  - A famous survey of this phenomenon (Smith, 2010)....

Sample Reference List Items:

Article with a DOI:

Article without a DOI:


Remember that journal article citations in APA end with either a **DOI or the publisher URL for the journal** (not the URL of the article). If you need to find the publisher URL for a journal go to:

http://cooklibrary.towson.edu/ ⇒ Research ⇒ Journal List ⇒ Search for the journal title ⇒ Select the database you used to find the article under the journal title ⇒ Publisher URL