

Referencing a Source Multiple Times in a Paragraph – 7th Edition APA

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When incorporating in-text citations into a document, it is common to reference the same source multiple times in a single paragraph. Use the following tips to reference the source, avoid plagiarism, and improve the quality of your writing.

From the Berkeley College Library

Q. If I'm citing something multiple times in a paragraph, how many in-texts do I need?

<https://chat.library.berkeleycollege.edu/faq/268679>

If you just put one in-text cite at the end of the paragraph, it might not be clear where the ideas at the beginning of the paragraph came from. Therefore, you should include credit to the authors whenever you are quoting, summarizing or paraphrasing facts and ideas from their work. This also helps differentiate your own ideas from those in your references.

The best way to solve this problem and still make your paper easy to read is to use a lead-in referring to your source at the beginning of a sentence or at the start of the paragraph (signal phrase).

You can alternate this with putting the in-text cite in parentheses at the end of other sentences or the paragraph. Try to make it clear in each following sentence if it is still coming from the same source, using phrases like "According to", "They also state...", "That article concludes...". If it is clear, you don't need to repeat the in-text citation for those sentences.

Here is an example using APA style:

McLean and Morris (2014) studied the relationship between childhood sexual abuse and adolescent PTSD. They found that almost 61% of the teenagers they studied were abused by a relative, and 23.8% were chronically abused.

[Using "They found" in the 2nd sentence shows you are talking about the same source (McLean & Morris), so you don't have to add another in-text cite for these statistics]

AND....

From the APA Style Guide

Appropriate level of citation

<https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/citations/appropriate-citation>

It is considered overcitation to repeat the same citation in every sentence when the source and topic have not changed. Instead, when paraphrasing a key point in more than one sentence within a paragraph, cite the source in the first sentence in which it is relevant and do not repeat the citation in subsequent sentences as long as the source remains clear and unchanged.

According to the APA manual: When the author's name appears in the narrative, the year can be omitted in repeated citations... when multiple narrative citations to a work appear within a single paragraph (pp. 254, 265).