

MLA Documentation

- MLA Documentation is all about giving credit.
- Whether you paraphrase or quote the source, you must acknowledge them.
- Quotation marks are **required** when you use the exact words of the source.
- Quotation marks are **not required** when you restate ideas in your own words.
- Plagiarism is theft.

MLA has two components:

- Parenthetical Documentation
- Works Cited page

Parenthetical Documentation

- Briefly identifies the source in the text of the paper to refer readers to the Works Cited list at the end for further information
- This can be done within the text of the paper, using a “**signal phrase**.”
 - Example: Linda Ann Crosby uses the metaphor of recycling to encourage couples to be watchful of their conversations (52-53).
- Or this can be done entirely within parenthesis at the end of the sentence.
 - When gathering information from fixed interval sampling, the researcher must use a factor of time, or an interval, in comparing data (Wheeler 39).
- Many variations apply to this simple design. You might have multiple works by the same author. You might have no author. You might have no page numbers. You might have a video or a government document. Use the *MLA Handbook* or ask a librarian to help you with specific instances.

Works Cited Page

- This will give readers an opportunity to find all the information they need to see where you found your research.
- Only include materials you have referred to in the text of your paper.
- There are different formats for books, journals, electronic resources, etc. Here are some broad guidelines:
 - Book: Last name, First name of author. *Title of Book*. City: Publisher, Date. Print.
 - Magazine: Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Magazine*. Date of issue: page numbers. Print.
 - Online Article: Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Magazine*. Date: Page numbers. *Name of Database*. Web. Date of Access.
- Works Cited page: Double spaced, Alphabetical order. Indent the 2nd line of an entry five spaces.

Works Cited

Crosby, Linda Ann. *Laughing in the Midst of Marriage*. Nashville: Randall House, 2009. Print.

Wheeler, Linda. *The ADHD Toolkit*. Los Angeles: SAGE Publications, 2010. Print.