

# In-Text Citations

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# LEARNING TARGET

**I CAN:**

**Identify an in-text citation in  
APA, MLA, and Chicago style format**



# What is an in-text citation?

A writer will use an in-text citation to cite a source.

Anytime you refer to, summarize, paraphrase, or quote from another source, you cite your source.



## TYPES OF IN-TEXT CITATIONS

1. Parenthetical

2. Numerical



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1. Parenthetical - give a short reference in parentheses directly in the text.

## **Example of a parenthetical citation:**

“Cosmologists have long argued over whether the moment of creation was 10 billion years ago or twice that or something in between” (Bryson, 2003).



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2. Numerical citations give only a number that corresponds to a **footnote**, endnote or reference list entry.

## Example:

The spotted hyaena is a large carnivore that lives in social groups or 'clans' in which females socially dominate males<sup>13</sup>. Most but not all natal males disperse (that is, males leave the clan in which they were born and immigrate into a new clan)<sup>14</sup>, which is very rare<sup>15</sup>. Immigrant male social status increases with length of tenure (time spent living in one group) because males observe strict social queueing conventions<sup>14</sup>. Because of the unusual anatomy of the

in-text citations

**Parenthetical  
citation**

APA, MLA, Chicago AD

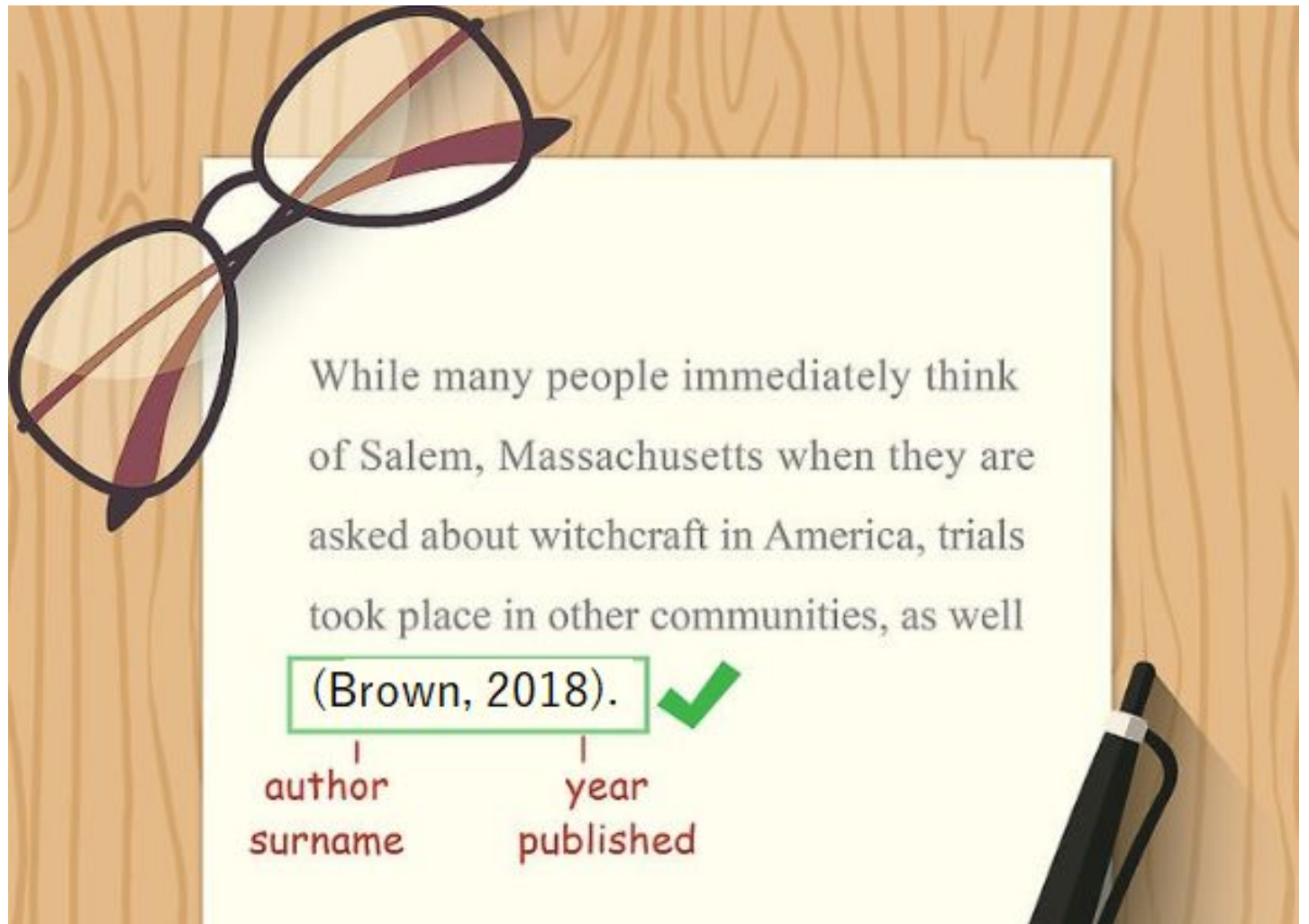
**Numerical  
citation**

Chicago NB

# APA

Uses the ( )

Notice there is a comma after the author's last name.





# MLA

Uses the ( )

Notice there is no punctuation after the author's last name.



This premise is false

(Schmidt 1935).

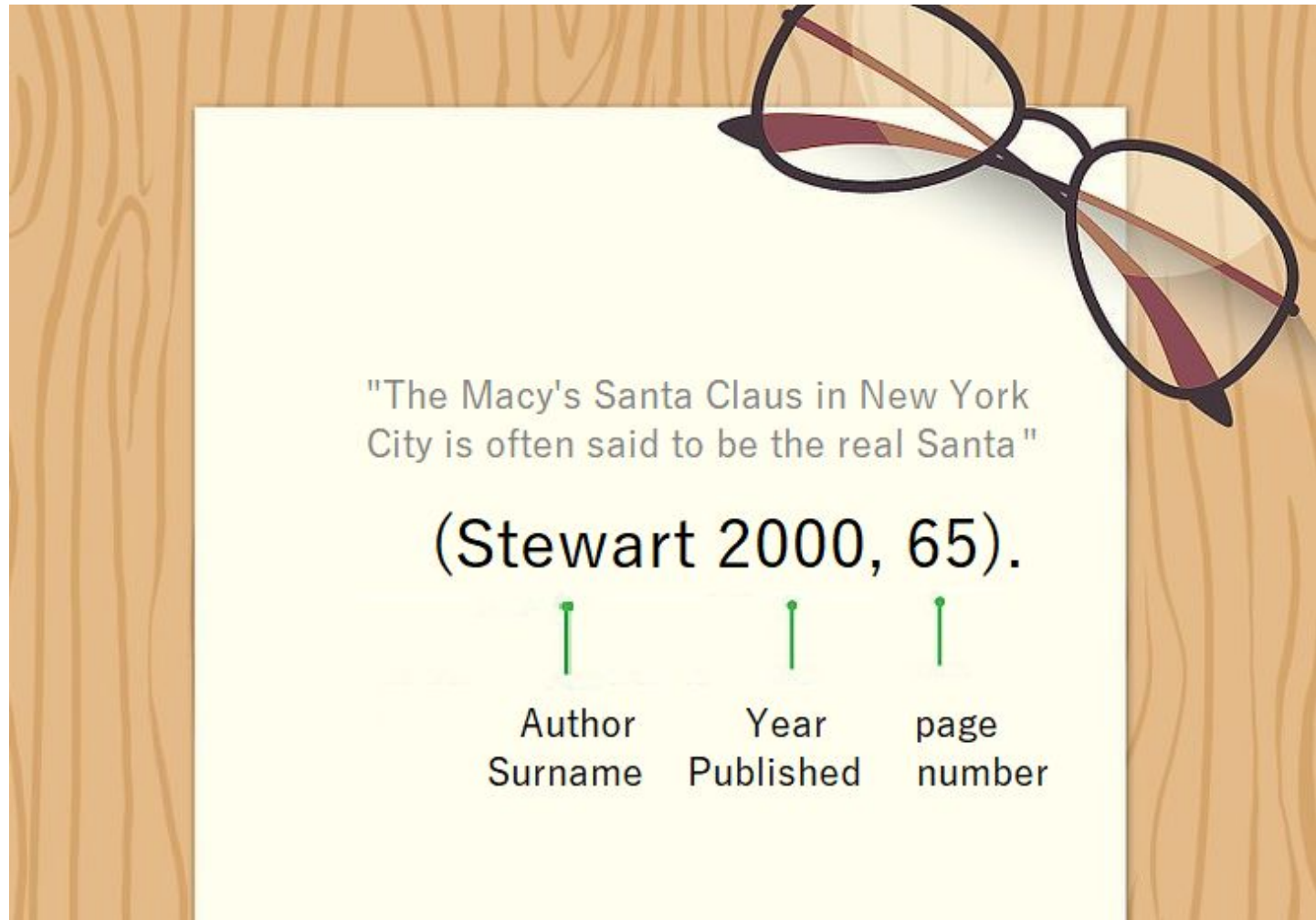
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**LAST NAME      YEAR**

# Chicago

# AD

Uses the ( )

Notice there is no punctuation after the author's last name but there is after the year published.



"The Macy's Santa Claus in New York City is often said to be the real Santa"

(Stewart 2000, 65).

↑ Author Surname    ↑ Year Published    ↑ page number

## Citation style

## Example of an in-text citation

**APA**

(Bryson, 2003).

**MLA**

(Bryson 2).

**Chicago Author-Date**

(Bryson 2003, 2).

Let's look at the research guide  
and answer some questions.