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APA Style 7th Edition formatting and style guide

Reference List – Generative AI Tools

[ChatGPT, Gemini, etc.]

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5.0 GENERATIVE AI TOOLS

In this paper, it is only applicable for situations where students or researchers use Generative AI to cite the chat or AI tools.

5.1 Citing an AI chat

Most AI chat tools, including ChatGPT now include a sharing option that typically provides users with unique URL and a title for each chat.

CITING SPECIFIC AI CHAT TEMPLATE				
Author	Date	Title	Source	URL of the chat
AI Company Name.	(Year, Month Day).	<i>Title of chat in italics</i> [Description].	Tool Name/Model	https://xxxxx

Author: The company responsible for developing the AI tool.

Date: The date in AI chat reference is the specific year, month, and day on which a chat occurred or concluded.

Title: The title should be the title chat (in Italic sentence case) followed by a bracketed description that identifies the source, such as [Generative AI chat]. Since most of AI chat tools allow users to edit the title chat, it is recommended to rename the chat with descriptive title and helpful for readers.

Source: Begins with the name of the AI tool, which can be general (e.g., ChatGPT or Gemini) or the name of the model (e.g., ChatGPT -5 or then followed by the source element is the URL of the chat.

Note: if you share a chat URL, others can continue the conversation with the AI. However, based on our testing, any additional conversation appears to be visible only to the person who continues the chat. Other users accessing the same link will only see the original conversation.

Example Reference:

Perplexity AI. (2025, May 20). *High school grammar topics* [Generative AI chat]. Perplexity. <https://www.perplexity.ai/search/a457cb8c-c663-4c9b-b34e-cb03d8108b35>

5.2 Citing AI tool Generally

Cite an AI tool generally when referring to the tool itself rather than a specific chat, or when citing a specific conversation is unnecessary, inappropriate, or unethical.

It is appropriate to cite the AI tool generally when using it for the following purposes:

- 1. Editing or refining your own writing**

Use AI to edit, analyse, organize, or improve your writing, cite the AI tool generally and disclose its use in the Methods section or author note. You do not need to cite individual AI chat.

- 2. Translating a source for understanding**

Used to translate a source for your own understanding, cite the original source, not the AI tool. If the translation will be published or adapted, have it reviewed by a human translator.

- 3. Translating your own writing**

To translate your own writing for publication or an assignment, disclose the use of AI and cite the AI tool generally. If possible, have a fluent speaker review the translation for accuracy.

- 4. Creating or refining code**

To generate or refine programming code. Reference the full chat only if generated code is central to the work.

5. Creating tables, figures, or visuals

To generate or refine tables, figures, or other visual content, acknowledge its use in the table or figure note.

6. Using AI as part of the methodology work

Used as part of the research methodology, such as acting as a tutor or therapist for participants, cite the AI tool generally. Keep chat records for research purposes, but you do not need to cite every conversation in your report.

CITING AI TOOL GENERALLY TEMPLATE			
Author	Date	Title	Source
AI Company Name.	(Year).	Tool Name/Model [Description].	https://xxxxx

Author: The company responsible for developing the AI tool.

Date: Use the year of the AI tool's most recent update. If the update date is unavailable, use the copyright year shown on the tool's official website or app. If you are unsure, you can ask the AI.

Title: Use the name of the AI tool (e.g., ChatGPT or ChatGPT-5) or specific AI model (e.g., Gemini or Gemini 2.5 Flash).

Description: Provide a description of the AI tool in square brackets after the title. For most AI chat tools, use [Large language model]. Use a different description if it better matches the type of AI tool or model used.

Source: Include only the official URL of the AI tool. Do not repeat the author or publisher in the source element as they are the same.

Example Reference:

Google. (2025). *Gemini 3 Flash* [Large language model]. <https://gemini.google.com/>

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