Fun with A.P.A. Citations

When Do I Cite?

Cite when the idea is NOT your own.
Cite when directly quoting from a book, website, article, movie, etc.
Cite when paraphrasing information from a source. If the idea is from someone else, you have to cite, even if you put it into your own words.
If you cite the same source again in the paragraph, do not repeat the reference again as long as it is clear that you are using the same source.
Your instructor will tell you if you need to cite your textbook and/or lectures. When in doubt, cite it!

Citations in Your Paragraph

Paraphrase (your own words)
Author (year) blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah.
blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah (author, year).

Direct Quotation
"blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah” (author, year, p. X).
According to Author (year), some things always sound like, “blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah” (p.X).

Additional Resources

The Learning Curve: come and see the helpful and good-looking staff in the Learning Curve or the Library for help.

Noodle Tools: the ACC approved citation generation tool. It is very easy to use and makes citations easy! http://bit.do/ACClibrary

ACC LibGuides: resources for citations, writing, using EBSCOnhost, Noodle tools and more! http://bit.do/LibGuides

Online Writing Lab (OWL): the best and most comprehensive online resource for APA format information http://bit.do/PurdueOWL

APA Citation Style & Format Model Research Paper: this video (hosted by Dave) explains the rules of citations http://bit.do/apavideo
Construct a Paragraph

Remember that when writing a paragraph, you are trying to make a point about something. If your paragraph is about the fact that the sky is blue, prove it to me. You do this by following these simple steps:

**Introduce the topic:** usually you will do this by stating the point that you seek to prove.

**Definition:** provide a definition of the key term(s). This will often involve a citation.

**Example:** this is where you talk about your example, or evidence.

**Relate:** you need to show that this is a valid example of your definition. *This is an example of ____ because ____.*

The video has plenty of awesome catches in it. Awesomeness is something that inspires “an overwhelming feeling of awe, wonder or admiration” (Dedrick, 2012). For example, in the video, Craig makes a diving catch that causes the crowd to gasp and applaud. The crowd’s reaction indicates that Craig’s catch was awesome.