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Author, A. A. (year of publication). *Title of book*. Publisher. [see below for location information].

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Author, A. A., & Author, B. B. (year of publication). *Title of book*. Publisher. [see below for location information].

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Article's Author, A. A. (year of publication). Title of article. In E. E. Editor (Ed.), *Title of book* (page number-page number of article). Publisher. [see below for location information].

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Author, A. A., & Author B. B. (year). *Title of book* (E. E. Editor, Ed.). Publisher. [see below for location information].

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Hostager, J. L., & Gulick, A. M. (2020). *Hijinx at the zoo* (J. M. Wagner, Ed.). ISUAngel Publishing. <https://doi.org.12266530> [no period]

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Author, A. A. (year of publication). *Title of book* (First Initial. Last Name of Narrator, Narr.) [Audiobook]. Publisher. URL

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Sedaris, David L. (2000). *Me talk pretty one day* (D. Sedaris, Narr.) [Audiobook]. Hachette Audio. <https://www.audible.com/pd/Me-Talk-Pretty-One-Day-Audiobook/B002V0QPH4> [no period]

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Sedaris, David L. (2000). *Me talk pretty one day*. Hachette Audio. <https://www.audible.com/pd/Me-Talk-Pretty-One-Day-Audiobook/B002V0QPH4> [no period]

**Specific Entry in an Online Dictionary, Thesaurus, or Encyclopedia**

Author, A. A. (year of publication). Entry title. In *Title of reference book* (edition number). [see below for location information].

**Online source with no author:**

Transubstantiation (2020). In *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* (4th ed.).  
<https://ahdictionary.com/word/search.html?q=transubstantiation> [no period]

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Merriam-Webster. (2022). Truncate. In *Merriam-Webster.com dictionary* (11th ed.). <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/truncate>

**Online source with an individual author:**

Jenkins, T. M. (2021). Positive reinforcement. In *Encyclopedia of Dog Training* (Summer 2020 ed.).  
<https://americandogtraining.com/positivereinforcement/432> [no period]

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Author, A. A. (year of publication). Entry title. In *Title of reference book* (3rd ed.). Publisher.

**Print source with no author:**

Harmonious (2019). *The American Heritage Dictionary* (4th ed.). Harper Collins Publishing.

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