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APA format is a style for writing in academia like books and journals. This format is used to cite sources in social sciences and especially in the behavioral sciences (Breckler, 2009). The guidelines for the APA format are described in the American Psychological Association style guide, while this format provides practical guidance about academic writing in social sciences.

# Response one

APA has made it easier to cite sources in academic writings which is an ethical way to mention the authors and the sources of information. The APA format has some guidelines and it follows a specific style for the citation of the source in the text and at the end of articles and books in the references portion. The APA format allows students, authors, and researchers in the field of social sciences to mention and credit the original author and generate new knowledge with the help of previous research studies. The APA has different formatting styles to cite the sources, however, the in-text citations are easier to be followed because the citations are simple, and they can be easily mentioned in the text (Mandernach, Zafonte, & Taylor, 2016). However, APA format is accessible to all and the in-text citations help reduce the burden of writings and read the writeups. Academic writers can use unique styles of APA format, and it is easier to mention the authors and put all the required information regarding the published journal articles.

## Response two

APA format has made easier to cite the author to acknowledge their researches which we use as literature. The format is easier to be used and there are guide books that give us the instructions. However, following the APA formatting, I find writing style more challenging because there are unique styles of writings and sometimes it becomes difficult to understand the formats. So, it becomes difficult to decide formats to follow for the writings and it becomes difficult to change the styles in the first attempt, and this takes time to understand. The writing styles which I was following were different from the scholarly writeups and APA format follows a format and style. The other challenge it to mention in-text citations which takes time for the completion. However, it is not easier to follow the format at the beginning and it is difficult to understand the passive voice format and tone of the scholarly writings.

**Response three**

APA is easier to be followed but at times it becomes difficult to follow the writing styles and the formatting while drafting articles or some academic writings. In the beginning, it becomes difficult to follow the guidelines because we are unfamiliar with them when exposed for the first time. However, these challenges can be minimized by consulting with the supervisors, practicing from the guidelines and online tutorial where information is abundant. By allowing myself to follow the format of the writing, I will be able to overcome this challenge and I can practice it with the help of online resources like writing the academic journals and compare them with the published article available on the internet.

The other challenge is the in-text citation while writing something it is important to cite the author who contributed and wrote the information, and this is considered as an ethical step in academic writings. To overcome these challenges, I have to write more academic papers, so that I will be able to learn about the in-text citations to produce quality papers and reading material. Hence, this practice will help me to overcome these challenges of the writing styles, in-text citations, referencing and the format. Continuous practice and guidelines from the supervisor may be helpful, because he/she has more knowledge and experience, while online reading material is available for help.

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