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# In-Text Citation Examples

**Example 1:**
“Well, you’re about to enter the land of the free and the brave. And I don’t know how you got that stamp on your passport. The priest must know someone” (Tóibín, 2009, p. 52).

**Example 2:**
Student teachers who use technology in their lessons tend to continue using technology tools throughout their teaching careers (Kent & Giles, 2017).

**Example 3:**
According to a study done by Kent and Giles (2017), student teachers who use technology in their lessons tend to continue using technology tools throughout their teaching careers.

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APA Quick Tips

- Fantastic resources:
  - Purdue Owl APA Formatting
    (https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html)
  - Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.). Used copies can easily be found cheap!

- Only capitalize the first word in the title, unless there is a proper noun (e.g., November, Google, University of Idaho, NCAA, NFL, Michael Jordan)

- Put a comma after the first initial period when there is more than one author

- If the reference is two or more lines long, hanging indent all lines after the first line

- Use the & symbol when listing more than one author

- If no date is listed type (n.d.)

- Do not underline entire references, removing hyperlinks makes the reference list look more professional

- Wikipedia is almost always a big no no when writing a scholarly or scientific paper. You can use it as a starting point but finding a more credible source with similar information is more appropriate

- The references page must be in alphabetical order

- If a reference list entry begins with a number (as might be the case for a reference with no author), you should alphabetize the entry in the reference list as though the number were spelled out. So in the following example, the reference that begins with 50 would be alphabetized as though 50 were written fifty.

