

1. IEEE style reference format [1]

IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and other fields of engineering and sciences use the following format for references.

EXAMPLE

This effect has been previously observed by Kim et al. [11].

Kim et al. [11].

Some journals have "*et al.*" in italics follow the style of the journal.

Put a period after "al." but not "et"

One space between the word and the square bracket.

Put a period after square brackets [...] at the end of the reference, not before it.

2. References: format of “et al.”

The word “et” simply means AND in Latin so it is not an abbreviation and does not require a period. The word “al.” is an abbreviation of “*alia*” meaning “and others,” so it requires a period.

Because this term is now common, et al. does not require *italics*, although you will see the italics in many published papers. Follow the style of the journal. In British English “al” may not have a period.

3. Format of quotation marks in APA style: (common in social sciences and education)

Family name only.
Don't confuse it
with the style of
references at the
end of the article.

Quotations must be
introduced. Full sentence
quotations cannot be just
put into a paragraph
without introducing words.

Direct quotations must be
integrated into the grammar
of the sentence so it reads
like a normal sentence.

Sanaoui and Lapkin (1992) also found that “considerable growth occurred in French-speaking skills and possibly listening and reading comprehension as well, which implies that an explicit focus on one area can have an effect on the other skills” (p. 544).

No period

One space

Period

Source: Stepp-Greany, J. (2002). Student perceptions on language learning. *Language Learning & Technology*, 6(1), 165-180. See <http://www.hanyangowl.org> for more APA style materials.

IEEE and APA style reference format basics

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