Changes in APA Sixth Edition

Abstract

The abstract’s length now leans more heavily toward the limits that individual academic journals require. It suggests a range of 150–250 words.

Spacing between Sentences

The spaces between a period and the next sentence have increased to two.

Manuscript Page Header

This feature has been eliminated.

Running Head

The number of characters, including spaces, remains a maximum of 50. However, the running head now appears on the title page and in the header section (flush left) of the entire document.

Example:

Running head: INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS: THE VALUE OF SELF-DETERMINAT

Electronic Sources

1. The retrieval date for electronic sources is no longer required in the References section of the paper.

2. The digital object identifier (DOI) is now preferred to a URL whenever possible because online material changes frequently in location and availability. DOIs create an identification number specific to a publication and allow permanent access to the material.

3. The URL remains in use for electronic sources that have no DOI designations. List the entire URL.

Headings

APA has changed heading formats:
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<th>Level of Heading</th>
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