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JOURNAL ARTICLE WITH DOI

Ranby, K.W., Aiken, L.S., Gerend, M.A., & Erchull, M.J. (2010). Perceived susceptibility measures are not interchangeable: Absolute, direct comparative, and indirect comparative risk. *Health Psychology, 29*, 20-28.
doi: 10.1037/a0016623

JOURNAL ARTICLE WITH DOI AND MORE THAN SEVEN AUTHORS

Péron, J., Biseul, I., Leray, E., Vincente, S., Le Jeune, F., Drapier, S.,... Vêrin, M. (2010). Subthalamic nucleus stimulation affects fear and sadness recognition in Parkinson's disease. *Neuropsychology, 24*, 1-8. doi: 10.1037/a0017433

JOURNAL ARTICLE WITHOUT DOI (DOI IS NOT AVAILABLE)

Andersson, G., Carlbring, P., & Cuijpers, P. (2009). Internet interventions: Moving from efficacy to effectiveness. *E-journal of Applied Psychology, 5*(2), 9-17. Retrieved from <http://ojs.lib.swin.edu.au/index.php/ejap>

JOURNAL ARTICLE WITHOUT DOI, ACCESSIBLE ONLY FROM A LIBRARY DATABASE

Skinner, B.F. (1941). A quantitative estimate of certain types of sound-patterning in poetry. *American Journal of Psychology, 54*, 64-79. Retrieved from <http://www.jstor.org>

ONLINE MAGAZINE ARTICLE (NO DOI)

Chamberlin, J. (2010, February). Why did 'nerd' become a dirty word? *Monitor on Psychology, 41*(2). Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/monitor/>

PRINT MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Chamberlin, J. (2010, February). Why did 'nerd' become a dirty word? *Monitor on Psychology*, 41(2), 28.

ONLINE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (NO DOI)

Taylor, P. (2010, January 29). To commit something to memory, take a break. *The Globe and Mail*. Retrieved from <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/>

PRINT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Tower, K. (2010, February 17). Residents offer input on how to make Sackville more sustainable. *Sackville Tribune-Post*, p. 3.

ONLINE DICTIONARY/ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

Classical conditioning. (2004). In *Online Psychology Dictionary* (Revised ed.). Retrieved from <http://allpsych.com/dictionary/>

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF PRINT BOOK

Gauntlett, D. (2007). *Creative explorations: New approaches to identities and audiences* [MyiLibrary version]. Retrieved from <http://lib.myilibrary.com/browse/open.asp?id=85828&loc=>

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Woodward, A. (2009). *Learning and the infant mind*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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Friedman, H.S., & Adler, N.E. (2007). The history and background of health psychology. In H.S. Friedman & R.C. Silver (Eds), *Foundations of health psychology* (pp. 3-18). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

GOVERNMENT REPORT

Health Canada. (2010). *Sodium Reduction Strategy for Canada, Recommendations of the Sodium Working Group* (H164-121/2010E). Retrieved from http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/alt_formats/pdf/nutrition/sodium/strateg/index-eng.pdf

REPORT ON WEB SITE

American Psychological Association, Presidential Task Force on Psychology's Contribution to End Homelessness. (2009). *Helping people without homes: The role of psychologists and recommendations to advance training, research, practice and policy*. Retrieved from <http://www.apa.org/pubs/info/reports/end-homelessness.pdf>

BLOG POST

Rutledge, P. (2009, November 23). The psychology of away messages [Web log post.]. Retrieved from <http://mprcenter.org/blog/2009/11/23/the-psychology-of-away-messages/>

For more detailed information, and for examples not included here, please see:

- APA's *Publication manual* (6th ed.), available at the R.P. Bell Library at **BF 76.7 .P83 2010 REF**
- The Psychology Department's *Psychology: APA Format Summary* (2009), available at <http://www.mta.ca/faculty/science/psych/studentinfo/apaguide.pdf>
- The APA Style website, <http://apastyle.org> and the APA Style Blog, <http://blog.apastyle.org>
- The APA DOI and URL Flowchart: <http://blog.apastyle.org/files/doi-and-url-flowchart-8.pdf>

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