

MLA8 ~ Parenthetical Citations

Also called: In-Text Citations in MLA8

What is a PARENTHETICAL CITATION (also called In-Text Citation)? This is the method that is used to tell the reader within the text of your paper/essay where you got your information.

EXAMPLE: (McMullen) **OR** (McMullen 24)

NOTE: Parenthetical Citations in your work include the FIRST words that the reader sees in the list of WORKS CITED.

"Petting one's cat is an excellent way to feel calm" (McMullen).

Works Cited

← McMullen, Mary. "I Love Animals." *Animals Are the Best*, 25 Apr. 2017, www.animalsanimalsanimals.com.

NOTE: Only use page numbers if they are actually on the source you are looking at.

"Petting one's cat is an excellent way to feel calm" (McMullen 24).

DO NOT USE PAGE NUMBERS FROM THE COMPUTER PRINT OUT!

What if there is no AUTHOR? Use the 1st thing the reader will see when looking at the Works Cited list.

"Petting one's cat is an excellent way to feel calm" ("I Love Animals").

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Alternate Versions:

According to the article, "I Love Animals," "Petting one's cat is an excellent way to feel calm."

According to McMullen, "Petting one's cat is an excellent way to feel calm" (24).