

In-Text Citations

for articles

An in-text citation appears in parentheses at the end of the sentence. It contains the author's last name and the page number, if available.

The study showed more than a ten percent increase (Smith 22).

If there are two or three authors, list them all.

(Smith and Luke 22)

(Smith, Luke, and Perro 22)

If there are more than three authors, use the first author's last name and "et al." which means "and others."

(Smith et al. 22)

If your source does not include the author's name, use the name of the organization that produced the source.

(USDA 22)

If the organization is not credited as the author, use the title of the source. Titles are always in quotation marks.

("Obesity Rates in Children" 22)

If the title is lengthy, you can use the first few words for brevity.

("Obesity Rates" 22)

If the source does not include a page number, leave it off. Do not assign your own page numbers.

(Smith)

If you are using more than one source from an author, use the title after the author to avoid confusion.

(Smith, "Obesity Rates" 22)

If you mention the name of the author in the sentence, you do not need to repeat it in the citation

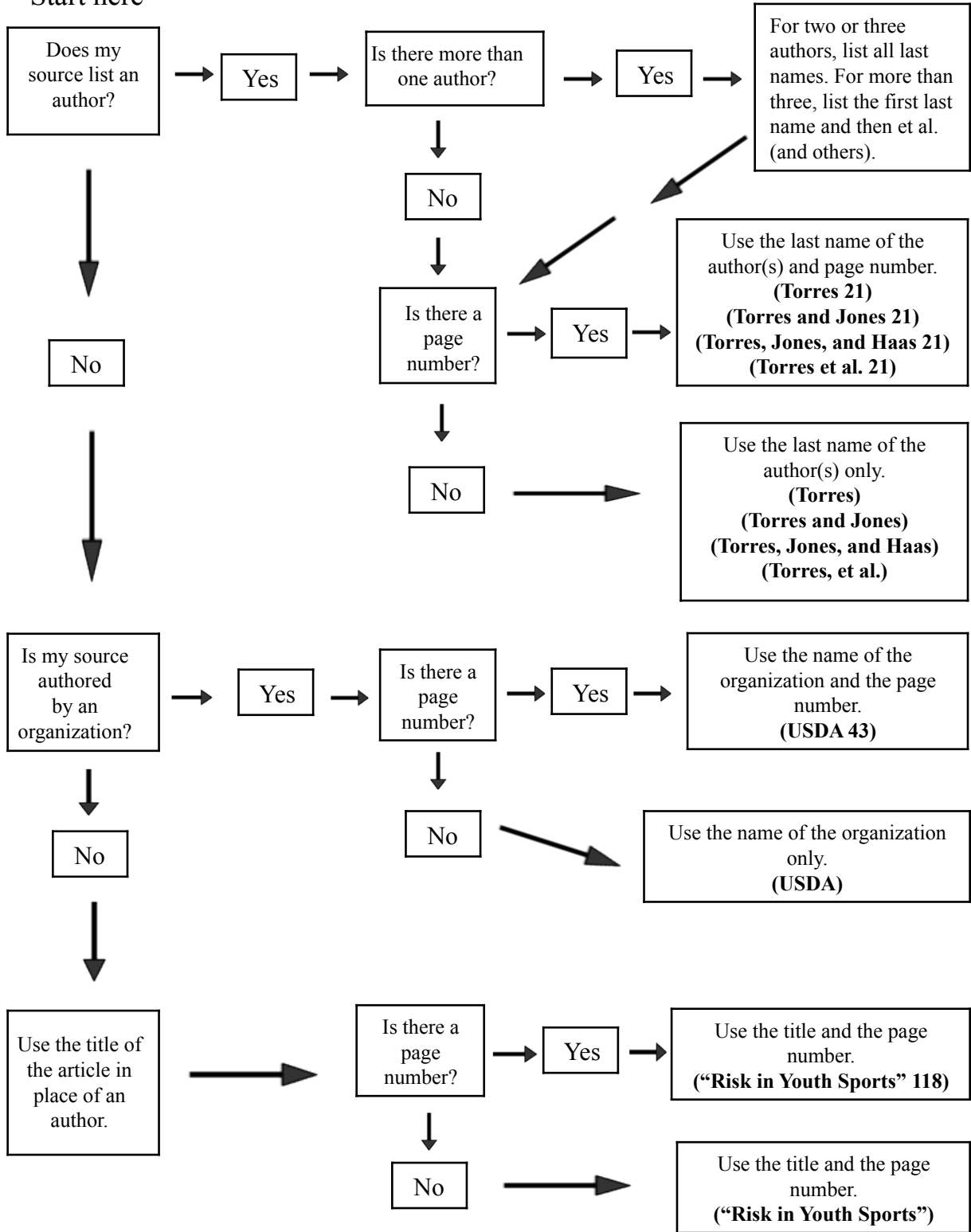
According to Smith, obesity rates are rising (22).

The period goes after the citation, even when using quotation marks.

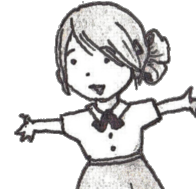
The results were "highly unusual" (Smith 22).

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A collection of four figurative language posters. The top-left poster is titled 'Personification' and shows a slice of toast with a face jumping out of a toaster. The top-right poster is titled 'Euphemism' and shows a girl under a cloud with rain falling. The bottom-left poster is titled 'Simile' and shows a cat with a speech bubble saying 'These cookies taste like cardboard'. The bottom-right poster is titled 'Allusion' and shows a boy with a speech bubble saying 'He thinks he's Hercules'. A central green banner reads '42 Figurative Language Posters' with '21 labeled' and '21 unlabeled' on either side. At the bottom, it says 'Visit my store at www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Laura-Torres'.

A blue poster with a black oval in the center containing the text 'Active and Passive Voice'. Below the oval, it says 'Hands-on Class Activity, Handout, and Quiz' next to a paper airplane icon. At the bottom left is a small cartoon girl. The website 'www.teacherspayteachers.com/Laura-Torres' is at the bottom.

A grey poster with a pencil icon at the top left. The text reads 'Writing a Thesis Statement'. Below that, in a white box, it says 'Handouts, Worksheets and Power Point'. At the bottom left is a small cartoon girl. The website 'www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Laura-Torres' is at the bottom.

A teal poster with a black decorative frame containing the text 'Writing a Research Paper'. Below the frame, it says 'Complete Unit'. Further down, it reads 'Everything you need to teach writing a research paper from start to finish!' next to a small cartoon girl. The website 'www.teacherspayteachers.com/store/Laura-Torres' and '© Laura Torres 2014' are at the bottom.

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