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- Author in sentence: Smith argues climate change is accelerating (45).
- Author not in sentence: Climate change is accelerating (Smith 45).
- Two authors: (Smith and Johnson 112)
- Three or more authors: (Smith et al. 78)
- No author: ("Global Warming Effects" 22)
- No page numbers (web): (Smith)

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- Alphabetical order by author's last name
- Hanging indent (0.5 inch)

## Common Works Cited Formats

**Book:** Author. *Book Title*. Publisher, Year.

Smith, John. *Modern Climate Studies*. Oxford UP, 2022.

**Journal Article:** Author. "Title." *Journal*, vol. #, no. #, Year, pages.

Johnson, Emily. "Renewable Energy Trends." *Energy Journal*, vol. 14, no. 2, 2023, pp. 45–60.

**Website:** Author. "Page Title." *Website*, Date, URL.

Brown, Lisa. "Effects of Global Warming." *National Geographic*, 5 May 2024, [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com).

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