



Headings in APA style

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Pre-questions

- How do you discriminate headings from subheadings?
- How many different levels of heading do you usually employ?
- Do you use bold, italics, and underlined titles in your papers?
- Which one is acceptable by APA style? Bold, italics, or underlined?

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Introduction: Headings

- To follow the flow of ideas in a lengthy academic article, your readers need to understand your style of organization.
- Identify the correct types of headings for your paper.
- To do this, refer to the structure of your paper.
- The outline of your paper may help you identify the number of sections and subsections involved in your discussion.
- Then, what you need to do is, turning these sections and subsections into appropriate level headings.
- Do not underline headings.

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APA 5 Headings

APA Headings	
Level	Format
5	CENTERED UPPERCASE HEADINGS
2	Centered Uppercase and Lowercase Headings
3	<i>Centered, Italicized, Uppercase and Lowercase Headings</i>
4	<i>Left-aligned, Italicized, Uppercase and Lowercase Side Heading</i>
5	<i>Indented, italicized, lowercase paragraph heading ending with a period.</i>

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APA 6 Headings

APA Headings	
Level	Format
1	Centered, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Headings
2	Left-aligned, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading
3	Indented, boldface, lowercase heading with a period.
4	<i>Indented, boldface, italicized, lowercase heading with a period.</i>
5	<i>Indented, italicized, lowercase heading with a period.</i>

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Two heading levels

Centered, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Headings

Left-aligned, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading

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Sample two levels

A Comparative Analysis of Testing Reading Techniques in EFL
Introduction
Testing Reading Techniques
Conclusion

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Three heading levels

Centered, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Headings
 Left-aligned, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading
 Indented, boldface, lowercase heading with a period.

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Sample three levels

A Comparative Analysis of Testing Reading Techniques in EFL
Introduction
Testing Reading Techniques
 Cloze tests.
 Multiple choice tests.
 Summary tests.
Conclusion

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Four heading levels

Centered, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Headings
 Left-aligned, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading
 Indented, boldface, lowercase heading with a period.
 Indented, boldface, italicized, lowercase heading with a period.

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Sample four levels

A Comparative Analysis of Testing Reading Techniques in EFL
Introduction
Testing Reading Techniques
 Cloze tests.
Strength of cloze tests.
Weakness of cloze tests.
 Multiple choice tests.
Strength of multiple choice tests.
Weakness of multiple choice tests.
 Summary tests.
Strength of summary tests.
Weakness of summary tests.
Conclusion

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Five heading levels

Centered, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Headings
 Left-aligned, Boldface, Uppercase and Lowercase Heading
 Indented, boldface, lowercase heading with a period.
 Indented, boldface, italicized, lowercase heading with a period.
 Indented, italicized, lowercase heading with a period.

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Sample five levels

A Comparative Analysis of Testing Reading Techniques in EFL
Introduction
Testing Reading Techniques
Cloze tests.
Strength of cloze tests.
Sample strong cloze test.
Weakness of cloze tests.
Sample weak cloze test.
Multiple choice tests.
Strength of multiple choice tests.
Sample strong multiple choice test.
Weakness of multiple choice tests.
Sample weak multiple choice test.
Summary tests.
Strength of summary tests.
Sample strong summary tests.
Weakness of summary tests.
Sample weak summary tests.
Conclusion

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Conclusion

- 🌐 In this chapter, you have learned about using different levels of headings in accordance with APA style.
- 🌐 Thus, you present your paper in a comprehensible order to your readers. In this respect, you have practised how to turn an outline into different section levels.
- 🌐 In the following chapter, you will start to learn how to write a reference list in APA style appropriately.

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