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Every paper starts with some type of introduction. The introduction is never preceded by a level heading called “Introduction” (American Psychological Association [APA], 2010, p. 63). Level heading are not recommended for short papers, but rather for papers where the headings help the reader locate key information (APA, 2010, p. 62).

Even though the referenced material in the paragraph above is not a quotation, the sixth edition recommends using the page number when it will help the reader find the referenced material. If the material was paraphrased from an entire chapter, or book, the page numbers would not have been used (APA, 2010, p. 171).

The American Psychological Association (APA) gives consideration to style as well as formatting. The manual gives advice on expected grammar, punctuation, and non-biased language which is an expectation of scholarly work.

**Headings Level 1**: These are paragraph headings

If level headings are going to be used to organize the paper, the manual should be consulted. The format of the headings is different than in the fifth edition.

**Headings Level 2**

If a second level of heading is required. A level 2 heading would be used.

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Level headings are similar to an outline in that they establish a hierarchy of ideas. The heading at level 1 would have the same weight/significance as the next topic at level 1. The manual cautions against having only on subsection heading just as with an outline (APA, 2010, p. 62). There is a good discussion of level headings on the APA website blog.

**Heading Level 1**
The directions for and examples of citations in the text of papers have been updated to reflect the increased use of electronic sources. The format for references on the reference page has also been revised (APA, 2010). In addition to a better organization, the manual now has tables making the appropriate in-text and reference citation easier to find. The manual should be consulted.
References