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### Abstract

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### Title of Paper, Exactly As It Appears on the Title Page

The body of your paper, which begins with the introduction even though the title of the paper, and not the word “Introduction,” begins this section. The following sections provide several typical elements of APA manuscripts as examples in this template. APA 6th Edition style recommends two spaces after periods for drafts, but allows that final publication requirements often ask for a single space after the period (Wiederkehr, 2009). Unless your instructor indicates otherwise, either convention is acceptable.

APA style specifies that major sections of the paper (abstract, body, references, etc.) each begin on a new page with the heading centered at the top of the page. The body of the text is typically divided into sections as shown in this template. Usually these sections are the Method, Results, and Discussion (check any sample reports your instructor may have given you for other examples). Some papers, of course, have multiple studies in them so the body could have multiple sections and subsections within it.

Sections can be further divided into subsections with headings. An example is a Method section divided into participants, materials, and procedure subsections. Unlike in earlier editions of the APA manual, the sixth edition tells you to bold headings (but not the title above or anything on the title page), as you see in the examples below.

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An example of a References section is located later this template. Note that APA uses the "hanging indent" style for references. This will automatically be done when you type references into this template. Otherwise, the easiest way to do this is to type each reference without worrying about the hanging indent. Then, when you are finished, select (highlight) all the references (not anything else) and then format your references appropriately.

## References

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### Appendix

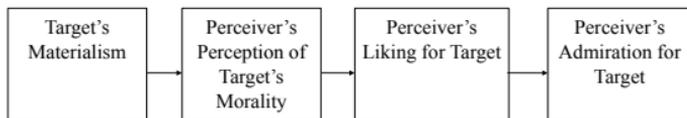
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Table 1

*Simple example of a table.*

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*Note.* See published articles and the APA manual for examples of the kind of information that goes here.



*Figure 1.* This path model is an example of a figure.