Two useful resources for citation guidance are blogs sponsored by the Modern Language Association: MLA Style Center; and, the American Psychological Association: APA Style Blog. The easy-to-use blog search function and almost conversational expert-written blog answers are understandable.

**Modern Language Association Style v.8:** MLA Style makes a distinction between personal and published (print, online, or broadcast) interviews. Both types of interviews should be cited parenthetically within your document and included as a Works Cited entry.

**MLA Personal Interviews**

A *parenthetical / in-text / internal citation* for a generic personal interview might look like this:

> “she felt more comfortable with older people because she was handicapped.” (Shears)

Or, if you preface your quote with a phrase like “In an interview with Barbara Shears, Shears stated that “she felt more comfortable with old people because she was handicapped”, no parenthetical citation is required.

A *Works Cited entry* for a generic personal interview might look like this:

Shears, Barbara. Interview with Thomas Shears. 21 Nov. 2016.

Or this:


**MLA Published Interviews**

A *parenthetical / in-text / internal citation* for a published interview might look like this:

> “she felt more comfortable with older people because she was handicapped.” (Shears)

A *Works Cited entry* is usually based upon the citation style of the container (book, journal, website, video). At the beginning of the container’s generic style, start with the interviewee’s last name, first name. (period) and then the phrase Interview with <insert interviewer’s name in first name, last name order. A *Works Cited entry* for a published interview might look like this:


**APA Style:** APA takes a different approach for citing interviews and other personal communications like email, and phone calls:

- *Do* reference the interview with a *parenthetical / in-text / internal citation*. For example:
  - (B. Shears, personal communication, February 3, 2017).
- *Do not* include an interview in your *APA Reference List* unless directed to do so by your professor. The reasoning behind this is that an interview is not considered “recoverable data” like an article, book, or video might be. If your professor wants you to list interviews in the *APA Reference List*, then use this form:

Sometimes, you want to cite an interview that you read but did not participate in personally. The APA Style blog directs you to “pick the reference format appropriate for the source” where you read or heard the interview.