

Below is an introduction from a first-year biology scientific report. Look at how references have been cited in the text and in the reference list. What features of APA referencing do you notice?

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Earthworms, along with most invertebrates, are ectotherms (Knox, Ladiges, Evans, & Saint, 2005). The body temperature of ectothermic animals is determined by the environment (Hickman et al., 2008) and cannot be regulated except by behavioural mechanisms (Purves et al., 2004). As the body temperature increases, the rate of metabolism also increases so that more energy is available for activities such as movement (Hickman et al., 2008). The aim of this study was to observe and record the contraction rate of the dorsal blood vessel in earthworms at varying temperatures. It was hypothesized that the contraction rate would be different at 20°C and 5°C.

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Some APA referencing features you may have noticed

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