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Example

National Aeronautics and Space Administration . (2007).
Explorers' guide to the solar system [PowerPoint slides].
Retrieved from https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/download-view.cfm?Doc_ID=236

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Author. (Year). *Title* . Place published: Publisher.

Speech

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Example

Smith, J. (Ed.). (2009). *Well said! Great speeches in American history* . Washington, DC: E & K Publishing.

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In-text citation

Lecture Notes or powerpoint slides of a lecture retrieved online

As indicated in his lecture... (Smith, 2009).

Unpublished speech: (No corresponding Reference List entry)

In a speech it was reiterated that... (Dr Li Wang, personal communication, August 14, 2016).

Speech reproduced in a published source:

Dr. Martin Luther King stated, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed"
(Smith, 2009, p. 219).

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- The study suggests that "patients are generally more relaxed and less anxious" (Smith, 2003).
- Smith (2003) stated that "patients are generally more relaxed and less anxious."

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