

MLA In-text Citation Examples Answers

Item 1 – One author

- Regular, consistent sleep is linked to better grades in high school students (Lee). - **Parenthetical**
- Lee found that regular, consistent sleep is linked to better grades in high school students. - **Narrative**

Key features: last name only in the citation; no year; no comma before any page number if one were included.

Item 2 – Two authors

- Smith and Patel argue that daily reading supports vocabulary development in middle school students. - **Narrative**
- Scientists argue that daily reading supports vocabulary development in middle school students (Smith and Patel). - **Parenthetical**

Key features: both authors' last names connected with "and"; no year; no comma before any page number if added.

Item 3 – Three or more authors

- Working on group projects can help students develop stronger collaboration skills (Green et al.). - **Parenthetical**
- Green et al. report that working on group projects can help students develop stronger collaboration skills. - **Narrative**

Key features: first author's last name + "et al." for three or more authors; no year in MLA in-text citations.