

C2.1 – APA 7 Exercise

Correction

For each reference below, say what **type of source** it is (book, journal article, book chapter, thesis, report, webpage, video, etc.), and **identify and correct** the APA-7 mistakes (mistakes can vary from capitalization, punctuation, italics, dates, edition, missing details, URLs/DOIs, group authors, etc.).

Harmer, J. (2015). **The Practice Of English Language Teaching, 5th Edition**. Harlow: Pearson Education Ltd.

Type: Book

What's wrong (and why):

- **Title case:** Book titles use **sentence case** (only first word + proper nouns capitalized).
 - **Edition format:** Use **(5th ed.)** immediately after the title, inside parentheses.
 - **Italics:** Book titles are italicized.
 - **Place of publication:** **Omit** places in APA-7 (Harlow).
 - **Publisher name:** Drop legal terms like **Ltd.**
- Correct:**
Harmer, J. (2015). *The practice of English language teaching* (5th ed.). Pearson Education.

Krashen, S. (1982). **Principles & Practice in Second Language Acquisition**. New York, NY: Pergamon Press. <https://doi.org/10.0000/ppsla.1982>

Type: Book

What's wrong:

- **Author initials:** Use full initials (**S. D.** Krashen).
 - **Title case:** Sentence case; replace **&** with **and** in titles.
 - **Place:** Omit city/state.
 - **DOI:** A fake/placeholder DOI must **not** be included.
 - **Italics:** Book title must be italicized.
- Correct:**
Krashen, S. D. (1982). *Principles and practice in second language acquisition*. Pergamon Press.

ELLIS, R. (2003). **TASK-BASED LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING (Second Edition)**. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Type: Book

What's wrong:

- **Author case:** Use normal capitalization: **Ellis, R.**
 - **Title case:** Sentence case, not ALL CAPS.
 - **Edition:** If included, format as **(2nd ed.)**; if the work wasn't a 2nd ed., don't invent it.
 - **Place:** Omit.
 - **Italics:** Book title italicized.
- Correct (edition info omitted unless verified):**
Ellis, R. (2003). *Task-based language learning and teaching*. Oxford University Press.

Richards, J. C. (2006). **Communicative Language Teaching Today**. Cambridge University Press, New York. Retrieved from <https://www.professorjackrichards.com/wp-content/uploads/Richards-Communicative-Language.pdf>

Type: Book (available online)

What's wrong:

- **Title case:** Sentence case.
 - **Place:** Omit **New York**.
 - **"Retrieved from":** In APA-7, use a **bare URL** (no "Retrieved from") unless a **retrieval date** is needed.
 - **Tracking params:** Remove tracking such as **utm_source**.
- Correct:**
Richards, J. C. (2006). *Communicative language teaching today*. Cambridge University Press.

Swain, M. (1985). **Communicative Competence: Some Roles of Comprehensible Input and Output In Its Development**. In S. Gass & C. Madden (Eds.), *Input in Second Language Acquisition* (pp. 235–253). Rowley: Newbury House Publishers. doi:10/abc123

Type: Chapter in an edited book

What's wrong:

- **Title case:** Sentence case throughout; after a colon, capitalize only the **first** word.
 - **Book title:** Italicize.
 - **Place:** Omit **Rowley**.
 - **Publisher name:** Use **Newbury House** (drop "Publishers" is fine, but not required).
 - **DOI:** Placeholder/invalid DOI must be **omitted**; if a real DOI exists, use the <https://doi.org/> format.
- Correct:**
Swain, M. (1985). Communicative competence: Some roles of comprehensible input and output in its development. In S. Gass & C. Madden (Eds.), *Input in second language acquisition* (pp. 235–253). Newbury House.

Long, M. H. (1991). **Focus on Form – a design feature in language teaching methodology**. In de Bot, K., Ginsberg, R., & Kramsch, C. (eds.), *Foreign Language Research in Cross-Cultural Perspective*, 39–52. Philadelphia: Benjamins.

Type: Chapter in an edited book

What's wrong:

- **Title punctuation:** Use a **colon**, not an en dash: *Focus on form: A design feature...*
 - **Editors:** Give initials first and use **(Eds.)**; keep surname capitalization for "de Bot."
 - **Book title:** Italicize; use sentence case.
 - **Pages:** In parentheses with **pp**.
 - **Place & publisher:** Omit place; use full publisher name **John Benjamins**.
- Correct:**
Long, M. H. (1991). Focus on form: A design feature in language teaching methodology. In K. de Bot, R. Ginsberg, & C. Kramsch (Eds.), *Foreign language research in cross-cultural perspective* (pp. 39–52). John Benjamins.

Norton, B. (2016). **Identity and Language Learning: Extending the Conversation** (2nd ed.). London: Multilingual Matters Press.

Type: Book

What's wrong:

- **Title case:** Sentence case.
 - **Place:** Omit **London**.
 - **Publisher name:** **Multilingual Matters** (drop "Press").
 - **Italics:** Title italicized.
- Correct:**
Norton, B. (2016). *Identity and language learning: Extending the conversation* (2nd ed.). Multilingual Matters.

Nation, I. S. P., & Macalister, J. (2010). **Language Curriculum Design** (2nd ed.). New York: Routledge.
<https://doi.org/10.4324/000000>

Type: Book

What's wrong:

- **Title case:** Sentence case.
 - **Place:** Omit **New York**.
 - **DOI:** Placeholder DOI must be removed (or replaced with a **real** DOI in https format).
 - **Italics:** Title italicized.
- Correct (keeping the stated edition):**
Nation, I. S. P., & Macalister, J. (2010). *Language curriculum design* (2nd ed.). Routledge.

TED-Ed. (n.d.). **THE BENEFITS OF A BILINGUAL BRAIN** [Youtube Video]. Retrieved from
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMmOLN5zBLY>

Type: Online video

What's wrong:

- **Title case:** Sentence case.
 - **Medium label:** Use **[Video]**.
 - **Platform name:** Include **YouTube** as the source.
 - **"Retrieved from":** Not needed (unless you include a retrieval date).
- Correct:**
TED-Ed. (n.d.). *The benefits of a bilingual brain* [Video]. YouTube.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMmOLN5zBLY>

Renandya, W. A., & Jacobs, G. M. (2002). **Extensive Reading: Why aren't we all doing it?** *Methodology in Language Teaching Conference Proceedings*, 295–302. Cambridge Press.

Type: Chapter in an edited book

What's wrong:

- **Work type:** This is **not** a conference proceeding; it's a chapter in an edited volume.
 - **Title case:** Sentence case.
 - **Container details:** Need editors, **book title in italics**, page range with **pp.**, and correct publisher name (**Cambridge University Press**).
- Correct (for the known 2002 chapter):**
Renandya, W. A., & Jacobs, G. M. (2002). Extensive reading: Why aren't we all doing it? In J. C. Richards & W. A. Renandya (Eds.), *Methodology in language teaching: An anthology of current practice* (pp. 295–302). Cambridge University Press.

Costa, T. A. R. (2019). *Competências profissionais dos professores para o século XXI: Entre as representações teóricas e as considerações de alunos e docentes* [Master's dissertation, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto]. Repositório Aberto da Universidade do Porto.

<https://hdl.handle.net/10216/124559>

Type: Master's thesis (institutional repository)

What's wrong:

- **Label:** APA-7 uses **[Master's thesis, ...]** (US spelling). Also, if you are writing your references in Portuguese, you would refer to this as a *dissertação de mestrado* or a *relatório de estágio*.
 - **Title case:** Use sentence case (keep Portuguese diacritics).
- Correct:**
Costa, T. A. R. (2019). *Competências profissionais dos professores para o século XXI: Entre as representações teóricas e as considerações de alunos e docentes* [Master's dissertation, Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto]. Repositório Aberto da Universidade do Porto.
<https://hdl.handle.net/10216/124559>