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Example:

Bermúdez, José, and Arnon Cahen. "Nonconceptual Mental Content." *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 17 Jul. 2024, <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/content-nonconceptual/>.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author's Last Name)
 - **Example:** (Bermúdez and Cahen)
- **Narrative Format:** Author's name appears in the sentence.
 - **Example:** Bermúdez and Cahen explain that...

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Example:

"Heat Index." *Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary*, Merriam-Webster, 23 Sept. 2024, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/heat%20index>.

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Example:

Tunstall, Lee, and Jessica Wong. "Oil Exports: Overview." *Canadian Points of View: Oil Exports*, Great Neck Publishing, 31 May 2022, pp. 1-4. *Canadian Points of View Reference Source*.

In-Text Citations

- **Parenthetical Format:** (Author's Last Name)
 - **Example:** (Lee and Wong 1-2)
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 - **Example:** Lee and Wong explain that oil exports significantly affect trade balances (1–2).

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"Conk." *Oxford English Dictionary*, Oxford University Press, June 2024, doi:10.1093/OED/8724964099.

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 - **Example:** ("Conk")
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 - **Example:** The Oxford English Dictionary defines conk as...

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