Locating Citation Information and Citing Test Reviews from Buros' Mental Measurements Yearbook

About the Mental Measurements Yearbook

The Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY) is a compilation of test reviews published by the Buros Institute of Mental Measurements at the University of Nebraska. The MMY has published many editions (volumes): The 18th edition, published in 2010, is the most recent. A new edition does not replace a previous edition; instead it adds reviews of new tests and reviews of older tests that have been substantially changed.

The MMY is available both in print and in electronic versions. The electronic version is found at http://buros.unl.edu/buros/jsp/results.jsp, where reviews may be purchased, and in a database managed by EBSCO, where Saint Mary’s students may obtain free reviews through the Twin Cities campus Library Web (online at www.smumn.edu/tclibrary).

To cite the MMY you need to keep in mind a few points:

- The electronic version of MMY provides access to the same test reviews that appear in the Mental Measurement Yearbook print series. However, the electronic version includes new reviews not yet published in the print version. Furthermore, the electronic version of MMY slightly abbreviates some of the test information that prefaces reviews. It is therefore necessary to distinguish between electronic and print versions when citing.

- An MMY test review is cited similarly to a book review (APA 6th ed., p. 209, example 45), but volume number and page numbers are not applicable.

- Each MMY entry begins with the author, date, and publication information for the test being reviewed. This information does not belong in your citation.

- You must locate the publication date and the publisher information from of the edition of the MMY in which your reviewer published. The illustrations below will assist you.

APA Reference for MMY Electronic Version Test Reviews
(Print version instructions appear below)

**Format**

Reviewer name(s). (publication year of MMY edition). [Review of Name of test]. In A. Editor & B. Editor (Eds.), The edition number mental measurements yearbook [Electronic version]. Available from http://buros.unl.edu/buros/jsp/results.jsp

- To find the names of the test reviewers, look in the full citation of the review as illustrated in Figure 3 below. Do not confuse the reviewers with the test authors. List last names first, followed by initials.

- The database information will identify the MMY edition number (sixteenth, seventeenth, etc.) in which your review appeared. Use the edition number Table 1 below to find the publication year of the MMY. Do not use publication date of test.

- To find the editors’ names for the MMY edition you used, look in Table 1, next to the appropriate yearbook number. Give initials first, followed by last name, like this: In B. Plake & J. C. Impara (Eds.).

- End the reference with “Available from” and the MMY home page URL, not the database URL.

**Example**


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Locating APA Citation Information for *MMY* Electronic Version Test Review

**Step 1: View the short citation resulting from your search for a test review.**

The first view of your search results is a list of short citations. A short citation contains information about the test itself but not about the test review. Click the title to view the full citation (see Step 2).

![Figure 1: Find the test review.](image1)

**Step 2: Open the full citation.**

Click to open the FULL CITATION, which contains the information you need.

![Figure 2: Find review information.](image2)

The information at the top portion of the full citation refers to the test being reviewed, *not* to the review you are citing. *Do not use this information in your citation of the review.* Go to Step 3 below.

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Step 3: Scroll down the full citation to find review information.

Further down in the full citation screen, you will find the citation information you need: (a) the reviewers name(s) and (b) the MMY edition number. Use the edition number to locate information on Table 3 below (Step 4).

Step 4: Locate the editors of the MMY edition in which your review appears.

Whether you are citing information from the print or electronic copy, you must provide the publication year and editors for the edition in which your review appears. In the print version, you simply look at the title page. The electronic version is a little more challenging because the publication information you need is not provided in the citation. Use the yearbook number (provided near the bottom of the full citation) to find publisher information in the table below.

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Step 5: Type the reference.


APA Reference for MMY Print Version Test Reviews

If you used the print version of the Mental Measurements Yearbook, you will find citation information on the title page of each edition. Follow the same format as for the electronic version but add the publisher location and name instead of the URL, and remove the "[Electronic version]" designation.

Reference Format for the Print Version

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