4 things you need to know about in-text citations

1. APA is also known as an Author/Date style

Why? Because scientists need to know if the research is up-to-date ...
And since they're on a date, always make sure they're cozy up next to each other.

Example According to Jonnie (2010), the reaction time was insufficient.
NOT According to Jonnie, the reaction time was insufficient (2010).

If there is no author, use the first two or three words of the title:

- For articles, websites, edited book chapters: Use quotations marks around the title.
  Example Human beings are symbol-using beings (“Language as Symbols”, 2006).
- For books: Italicize and capitalize the title.
  Example Human beings are symbol-using beings (Symbols of Language, 2006).

2. The information in your in-text citation must match the first thing in your references

In-text: According to Jonnie (2010), the reaction time was insufficient.
Corresponding reference:

In-text: Human beings are symbol-using beings (“Language as Symbols”, 2006).
Corresponding article reference (no author):

3. Periods: Your parenthetical citation is before the period that marks the end of your sentence.

Examples
The behavioral model has been criticized for a lack of attention to service utilization (Andersen, 1995).

Work is a “major role in a person's past, an intrinsic part of their present and a potential mould for their future” (Cooper & Baglioni, 1988, p.87).

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For block quotations (40 words or more), your parenthetical citation is after the period. Block quotations do not need quotation marks.

Example
Eklund’s (2000) review of
Previous studies indicated that job satisfaction is lower among occupational therapists in mental health care than in other clinical areas. Working with seriously mentally ill patients might in itself be a burden heavy enough to generate low satisfaction with work. (p. 168)
4. Four ways to doing your in-text citations

1. (Author Lastname, Year) at the end of your sentence.
The behavioral model has been criticized for a lack of attention to service utilization (Andersen, 1995).

2. Author is part of your sentence.
Andersen (1995) criticized the behavioral model for its lack of attention to service utilization.

3. Direct quotations always need page numbers
Feldman (2004) noted that “the ‘national shame’ is that so many people are in prisons or jails” (para. 11).

4. Using indirect sources
If you cite Barcadi’s research from your textbook written by Rumm, Rumm (not Barcadi) will be in your reference list:
Barcadi argued that … (as cited in Rumm, 2010).

Additional tips:
- Works by 1-2 authors, when you cite the same source more than once in the same paragraph:
  1st citation in the paragraph:
  According to Jonnie and Walker (2010), the reaction time was insufficient.
  Subsequent citations in the paragraph:
  Reaction time is crucial (Jonnie & Walker, 2010).

- Works by 3 - 5 authors, when you cite the same source more than once in the same paragraph:
  1st citation in your paper:
  According to Jonnie, Walker, and Rum (2010), the reaction time was insufficient.

  After 1st citation in your paper, if you use the same source again in the rest of your paper:
  1st citation in the paragraph:
  Jonnie et al. (2010) found that reaction time is crucial.
  Subsequent citations in the same paragraph:
  Hence the rate of reaction varies between populations (Jonnie et al.).