

The Associated Press Stylebook 2017: Entries to Know

NOTE: PURCHASE THE 2017 AP STYLEBOOK AT APSTYLEBOOK.COM.

In addition to the STYLEBOOK entries below, you should be knowledgeable of the following sections in the AP Stylebook:

- **Punctuation Guide**
- **Editing Marks**

A

Abbreviations and acronyms
Accept/except
Academic degrees
Academic departments
Academic titles
Addresses
Adjectives
Adult
Adverbs
Adverse/averse
Adviser
Affect/effect
African-American
Ages
All right
Almost never
Alumnus/alumni/alumna/alumnae
a.m./p.m. (see *p.m.*, *a.m.* entry)
Among/between
Animals
Anonymous sources
Annual
Anti-
Apostrophe
App
Apposition
Arabic numerals
Army
Associated Press
Association

B

Bachelor of Arts/Science
Because/since
Blog
Boy
Brand names

C

Capitalization
Capitol
Children
Citizen/resident/subject/national/native

City council
Collective nouns
Committee
Company/companies
Company names
Complement/compliment
Composition titles
Congress
Contractions
Corporation
County
Courtesy titles

D

Dangling modifiers
Datelines
Dates
Days of the week
Day to day/day-to-day
Dean's list
Decades
Decimal units
Definitely
Department (esp. Department of Agriculture)
Dimensions
Directions and regions
Disk disc
Distances
Doctor
Dollars
Domain names
Door to door, door-to-door
-down
DVD
DVR

E

Earth
E-book
E. coli
Ecology
Either/or, neither/nor
Elderly
Email
Ensure, insure
Essential clauses/nonessential clauses
Essential phrases/nonessential phrases
Ethanol
Every day/everyday
Eye to eye, eye-to-eye

F

Facebook
Face to face
Family names
Farther/further
Federal
Female
Fewer, less
Flier, flyer
Florida
Food
Foot
Foot-and-mouth disease
Fractions
Full-
Fundraising

G

Geographic names
Girl
Google
Governmental bodies
Governor
Grade, grader
Graduate

H

Half-
Hands-off/hands off
Hand to hand, etc.
Happy holidays, merry Christmas
Hashtag
High definition, high-definition
Highway designations
Hispanic
Historical periods and events
Holidays and holy days
Homicide, murder, manslaughter
Husband, wife
Hurricane
Humane Society of the United States

I

Illegal
-in
In-
Inch
Incorporated
Initials
Internet
Intra-

IP address
iPad
iPhone
iPod
It's/its

J

Jail
Jargon
JPEG, JPG
Judge
Junior, senior

K

Kilobyte

L

Lay, lie
Legislative bodies
Legislative titles
Legislature
Like, as
-ly

M

Mad cow disease
Man, mankind
Manager
Man-made
Master of Arts/Science
Medfly
Media
Middle initials
Miles per gallon
Military titles
Millions/billions
Months
More than
Music

N

Names
Nationalities and races
National FFA Organization
No.
Numerals

O

Off of
Off-
-off
On
Oral, verbal, written

Organizations/institutions
Over

P

Part time/part-time
People/persons
Percent
Ph.D.
Planets
Plants
Plurals
p.m./a.m.
Political parties and philosophies
Polls and surveys
Possessives
President
Principal/principle
Punctuation (see punctuation chapter)

Q

Quotation marks
Quotations in the news

R

Reference works
Religious titles
Roman numerals
RSS
RSVP

S

Second-rate
Second reference
Senior citizen
Sentences
Service mark
Shall, will
Should, would
Side by side, side-by-side
Smart phone
Social media
South
Speeds
Spelling
State
State names

T

Teen
Telephone numbers
Television program titles
Temperatures
That (conjunction)
That/which

Time element
Time of day
Times
Time sequences
Titles
Today/tonight
Tomorrow
Tonight
Trademark
T-shirt
TV
Tweet
Twitter

U

United States
URL

V

Verbs
Versus
Vice
Vice president
Voicemail

W

Web
Webpage
Website
-well
Who/whom
Wide-
-wide
Women

XYZ

Years
Yesterday
Youth
YouTube
ZIP code