

Quiz: Alphabetization in APA Style

You are writing a paper in APA Style and need to alphabetize your reference list. You know that in APA Style, you alphabetize by the name of the first author (shown below), letter by letter—disregard spaces, capitalization, hyphens, apostrophes, periods, and accent marks. When alphabetizing titles or group names as authors, go by the first significant word (disregard *a*, *an*, *the*, etc.).

Choose the response that shows the entries in APA Style alphabetical order.

1. In what order should these A names appear?

- a) Aaronson, al Shamsi, Al-Awar, Allan
- b) Aaronson, Al-Awar, Allan, al Shamsi
- c) al Shamsi, Al-Awar, Aaronson, Allan

2. In what order should these B names appear?

- a) Ben-Shafir, Ben-Arieh, Benjamin
- b) Ben-Arieh, Benjamin, Ben-Shafir
- c) Ben-Arieh, Ben-Shafir, Benjamin

3. In what order should these D names appear?

- a) d'Artagnan, da Silva, De Vargas, Darren-Brown, Desimone
- b) da Silva, d'Artagnan, Darren-Brown, De Vargas, Desimone
- c) Darren-Brown, d'Artagnan, da Silva, Desimone, De Vargas

4. In what order should these J names appear?

- a) Jones, Jöreskog, Jorgensen
- b) Jorgenson, Jöreskog, Jones
- c) Jones, Jorgensen, Jöreskog

5. In what order should these M names appear?

- a) MacKenzie, M'Carthy, McCarthy, McNair
- b) M'Carthy, MacKenzie, McCarthy, McNair
- c) MacKenzie, McCarthy, M'Carthy, McNair

6. In what order should these O names appear?

- a) O'Connor, O'Malley, Olson
- b) O'Connor, Olson, O'Malley
- c) Olson, O'Connor, O'Malley

7. In what order should these S names appear?

- a) Sörbom, Steinberg, St. James, Stout
- b) St. James, Sörbom, Steinberg, Stout
- c) Sörbom, St. James, Steinberg, Stout

8. In what order should these U names appear?

- a) U.S. Department of Education, Ullman, Uster
- b) Uster, Ullman, U.S. Department of Education
- c) Ullman, U.S. Department of Education, Uster

9. In what order should these V names appear?

- a) VandeCreek, van den Oord, Vandermeer, van IJzendoorn
- b) van den Oord, van IJzendoorn, VandeCreek, Vandermeer
- c) VandeCreek, Vandermeer, van den Oord, van IJzendoorn

10. In what order should these titles/groups as authors appear?

- a) A Basic Primer on Math, The Alcohol Research Group, The Beatles, Heuristic
- b) The Alcohol Research Group, A Basic Primer on Math, The Beatles, Heuristic
- c) A Basic Primer on Math, Heuristic, The Alcohol Research Group, The Beatles

Answer Key: Alphabetization in APA Style Quiz

1. b) Aaronson, Al-Awar, Allan, al Shamsi (treat as Aaronson, Alawar, Allan, Alshamsi)
2. b) Ben-Arieh, Benjamin, Ben-Shafir (treat as Benarieh, Benjamin, Benshafir)
3. c) Darren-Brown, d' Artagnan, da Silva, Desimone, De Vargas (treat as Darrenbrown, Dartagnan, Dasilva, Desimone, Devargas)
4. a) Jones, Jöreskog, Jorgensen (treat as Jones, Joreskog, Jorgensen)
5. a) MacKenzie, M'Carthy, McCarthy, McNair (treat as Mackenzie, Mcarthy, Mccarthy, Mcnair)
6. b) O'Connor, Olson, O'Malley (treat as Oconnor, Olson, Omalley)
7. a) Sörbom, Steinberg, St. James, Stout (treat as Sorbom, Steinberg, Stjames, Stout)
8. c) Ullman, U.S. Department of Education, Uster (treat as Ullman, Usdepartmentofeducation, Uster)
9. a) VandeCreek, van den Oord, Vandermeer, van IJzendoorn (treat as Vandecreek, Vandenoord, Vandermeer, Vanijzendoorn)
10. b) The Alcohol Research Group, A Basic Primer on Math, The Beatles, Heuristic (treat as Alcoholresearchgroup, The; Basicprimeronmath, A; Beatles, The; Heuristic)