Check Tools – Match Reference Citations
This handout explains how to ensure all paper references have been cited in the text of a paper.

APA Style® requires that all references in a Paper Reference List be cited in the text. You can use Academic Writer to help check your work. The Match Reference Citations tool will help ensure that all references in your Paper Reference List have been cited in the body of your paper.

To use this tool, go to the Main Menu on the left side in the Writing Center. Select the drop-down arrow next to Check to display the different Check Tools. From this list, select Match Reference Citations.

Next you will see a message prompting you to run the Check tool. This tool will search your paper for missing reference citations and allow you to make corrections.

If the Check tool finds references in your Paper Reference List that are not cited in the text, you will see a message indicating that APA Style errors were found. The Check tool will remind you to cite the reference or delete it from the Paper Reference List. Select Go to Paper to return to your paper. (Please note that Academic Writer will not automatically remove uncited references when you export your paper.)
In your Paper Reference List, uncited references are noted with a red flag.

After all flagged references have been cited or deleted, you can run the Match Reference Citations tool again. If all references are cited in text, you will see a message indicating that all of the references in your Paper Reference List have been cited.

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