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linguistic model of child language development. *Psychology Review*, 126(1), 1-51.
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Anderson, M. (2018). Getting consistent with consequences. *Educational Leadership*, 76(1), 26-
33.

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Guarino, B. (2017, December 4). How will humanity react to alien life? Psychologists have some predictions. *Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2017/12/04/how-will-humanity-react-to-alien-life-psychologists-have-some-predictions/>

[Note: Examples taken from Chapter 8 & 10 of the APA Manual, 7th edition]

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.