

Is this a **MAGAZINE**, **NEWSPAPER** or **JOURNAL** Article???

How to Tell the Difference

CLUE	MAGAZINE	NEWSPAPER	JOURNAL
NAME (Title of Periodical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rarely has the word "Journal" in the name 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes has the word "Journal," "Daily," "Gazette," "Herald," "Mail," "News," "Observer," "Post," "Sun," "Telegraph," "Times," or "Wire" in the name Sometimes has place of publication in parentheses after the name, e.g., <i>The Times</i> (Denver, Colorado) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes has the word "Journal," "Quarterly," "Annals," "Transactions," or "Proceedings" in the name
DATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually published monthly Sometimes bi-monthly (e.g., Sept/Oct) Sometimes weekly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually published daily Sometimes weekly Occasionally monthly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually published quarterly Sometimes monthly Rarely annually Often published in seasons: (e.g., Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter)
EDITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No edition given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes has an edition, e.g., "Morning edition," "City Final," "West Coast Edition" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No edition given
PAGE NUMBERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal page numbers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes includes Roman numerals (e.g. I, II, III, IV) or letters (A, B, C) as sections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal page numbers Sometimes very large numbers, e.g., pgs. 662-684
LENGTH OF ARTICLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short articles, usually less than 6 pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very short articles, usually less than 2 pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually long articles, over 5 pages Sometimes short, 1-page, editorials or book reviews Medical and science journal articles are often only 1 - 5 pages long
AUTHOR'S CREDENTIALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually only gives author's/journalist's name, not credentials Sometimes no author is given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually only gives author's/reporter's name, not credentials Often no author is given 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Often experts with a PhD or a Master's degree, or who work for a famous research institute Credentials are given after author's name or at end of article

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VOCABULARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually easy to read, e.g., <i>People Magazine</i>, <i>Newsweek</i> Sometimes harder to read, e.g., trade magazines written for business people, like <i>Forbes</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually easy to read Sometimes harder to read, e.g., trade newspapers written for business people, like the <i>Wall Street Journal</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always hard to read, e.g., <i>Harvard Business Review</i>, written for and by businesses professors and researchers at government and private research institutes
TOPICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informative articles on various topics Personal views and experiences Summaries of research, e.g., "Breast Cancer: The latest treatments" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports on latest news May include "exposes" or "investigations" Short informative articles Personal opinions, e.g., guest editorials, letters to the editor Summaries of research, e.g., "El Paso Schools Improving" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually original reports of long-term scholarly research done by the author(s) of the articles The abstract may include terms like "random sample," "correlation," "qualitative/quantitative study," or phrases like "This study presents/discusses/analyzes/examines..."
BIBLIOGRAPHIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rarely have bibliographies at the end of the articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never have bibliographies at the end of the articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually have bibliographies, often long ones, at the end of the articles
ARTICLE DATABASES http://www.epcc.edu/vvlib/vvonline.htm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the databases will include magazine articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Newspaper" databases find only newspaper articles. Sometimes other databases will allow you to limit the search to newspaper articles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many databases will include journal articles Limiting to "Peer Reviewed," "Refereed," "Scholarly," or "Professional" periodicals can limit the search to journal articles

Warning: Some of the Online Article Databases include parts of books such as chapters or excerpts.

Clues: 1) Books are usually published in a year, not a day or month, 2) there is usually a place of publication and/or a publisher given, 3) sometimes there is an editor as well as an author, 4) sometimes there is an edition given such as 2nd ed, 3rd ed.

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