

**Scholarly Journals****Popular Magazines****Examples**

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Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Water, Science and Technology Foreign Affairs Science Nature	Time Newsweek Psychology Today
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**Authors**

Researchers Professors Scholars Professionals who are usually experts in narrow fields	Journalists Lay people Anonymous
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**References**

Includes references, bibliographies or footnotes	Rarely includes references, bibliographies or footnotes
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**Edited by?**

Submitted articles are subjected to a rigorous peer-review process by researchers, professionals and/or students of the field	Submitted articles may be reviewed by journalists and lay people
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**Language**

Specialized language of the discipline is used Often includes tabulated data, graphs and diagrams	Language is non-technical
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**Contents**

Always includes an abstract Lengthy articles of original research In-depth analysis of topic Substantial book reviews	Shorter articles of general interest Coverage of current events/news Some brief book reviews
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**Presentation and Graphics**

Less flashy, more "serious" in appearance Advertisements are rare (an exception is medical journals)	More eye-catching appearance Many pictures Many advertisements
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Articles are often divided into explicitly named (and sometimes numbered) sections

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**Where Indexed?**

Found in specialized indexes such as  
Anthropological Index  
Georef  
Medline

Found in general periodical indexes such as  
Academic Search Elite  
Canadian Periodical Index  
Reader's Guide Abstracts  
(But keep in mind that general periodical indexes also include scholarly materials)

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