

# Differences Between Journals and Magazines

Journals- scholarly

vs.

Magazines - popular

## *Content*

Detailed report of original research or experiment.	Secondary report or discussion; may include personal narrative, opinion, anecdotes.
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## *Author*

Author, who is usually a scholar with subject expertise, is identified, and his or her credentials are given	Author, who is often a professional writer, may or may not be identified. He or she may or may not have subject expertise.
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## *Audience*

Scholars, researchers, and students.	General public; the interested non-specialist.
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## *Language*

Specialized terminology or jargon of the field; requires prior knowledge.	Vocabulary in general usage; understandable to most readers; average reading level: 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
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## *Layout & Organization*

Formal organization: often begins with an abstract of the article. If reporting experimental findings notes the experiment's purpose, methodology, results, analysis of the results, and conclusion. Bibliography listed at the end of the article. May include charts or graphs, but rarely photographs.	Informal organization: eye-catching type and formatting, usually includes illustrations or photographs. May not intend to present an idea with supporting evidence or come to a conclusion.
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## *Bibliography/References*

Required. All quotes and facts can be verified.	Rare. Scanty, if any, information about sources.
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## *Examples*

<i>Developmental Psychology</i> <i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i> The words "journal" or "review" often appear in the title.	<i>Harper's</i> <i>People</i> <i>Newsweek</i> <i>Time</i> Almost anything available in a store or news stand.
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