

What is a peer-reviewed article?

Sometimes your assignment may ask you to use **scholarly** or **peer-reviewed** articles.

An article that is **peer-reviewed** is found in a scholarly or refereed journal. This means the article has been assessed by other experts or scholars in that field of study before it was accepted for publication in that journal. An example of **a peer-reviewed** journal would be [British Medical Journal](#).

Typically, **peer-reviewed** articles contain

- details about the **author** including their qualifications and place of work
- a **reference list** at the end to tell you where the information came from.

An example of a journal that is **not peer-reviewed** is [New Zealand Woman's Weekly](#).

Typically, articles in this magazine **do not** contain

- author qualifications or
- references showing where the information came from.

Where can I find peer-reviewed articles?

- Find peer reviewed articles in our [library databases](#).
- For most databases, choose **Advanced Search** and tick **peer-reviewed**.
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