

# WHAT IS A PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL?

In this tutorial, you will learn what a peer-reviewed journal is, and how to distinguish peer-reviewed journals from those that are not peer-reviewed.

In the world of publishing, there are three different types of periodicals: popular magazines, trade magazines, and academic or scholarly publications, also known as peer-reviewed journals.

Popular magazines are written for a general audience and include examples such as Maclean's and Psychology Today.

Trade magazines are written for professionals in specific fields, and include examples such as Advertising Age and Broadcaster.

Peer-reviewed journals are written for academic audiences or research professionals, and include examples such as the Canadian Journal of Communication and the Journal of Educational Psychology.

Academic researchers use peer-reviewed journals to communicate their research findings. They are the journals you should use when researching and writing university essays.

There are several other characteristics to note:

1. Articles in a peer-reviewed journal have been evaluated by experts before publication.
2. The experts advise the journal's editor for or against publication of the articles
3. Research described in a peer-reviewed journal is sound and of high quality.
4. The peer-review process is usually blind. This means that the reviewers don't know the names of the authors and the authors don't know the names of the reviewers.

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