



SEARCHING FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES

Introduction

Articles in journals are found using electronic resources. These are databases which organise resources or pieces of information in a consistent way so that you can find them.

Electronic resources usually contain a combination of the following:

- **Full Text** - you can read the full article on-line
- **Abstract** - this is a summary of the article. You will then need to use the reference details to find the original article from another source
- **Reference** - this contains the information you need to find the original article from another source. For example:

Li, J; Colombier, M, (2009), "Managing carbon emissions in China through building energy efficiency".
Journal of Environmental Management, 90(8), pp. 2436-2447.

These resources are a quick means of accessing a wide variety of original information that includes academic and peer reviewed material.

How to find a journal

I have a reference to an article in a journal. How do I find the journal?

To check if we have it in print:-

Check the library catalogue for the journal title

- Go to the [Library Catalogue](#)
- Choose journals from the drop down collection menu.
- Note - for some journals there is a connect button to take you to the online version.

To check if we have it electronically:-

- Search the [e-Journals A-Z](#) for the journal's title
- If the library does not have the journal, you may be able to get a copy of the article through the [Document Supply & Inter-Library Loan service](#).

How to find a newspaper article on a topic

I want to find newspaper articles on a topic. Where do I start?

- Use an electronic resource called [Nexis](#).
- This database can be accessed from the [Databases A-Z](#) pages.

How to find articles on a topic from academic journals

I want to find articles on a topic from academic journals, but I do not have specific references. How do I find the articles?

- You cannot search for an article in a journal through the Library catalogue if you do not have a specific journal title.
- You will need to search for articles using an electronic resource – see our [Online Library](#)
- Some general and subject specific electronic resources are shown on the [Resources for your Subject](#) guides.
- Use the online Help Tips or tutorials for each individual electronic resource for help in searching that resource
- If the library does not have the journal, you may be able to get a copy of the article through the [Document Supply and Inter-Library Loan service](#).

Searching Tips/Miscellaneous

To do thorough research of a topic, you will need to use several Electronic Resources

- The electronic resources that contain abstracts or summaries only may have very useful information, so do not dismiss them because they are not full-text
- You will need a password to use some of the electronic databases. In most cases this is your [Athens password](#).
- If you have internet access, you can use most of the electronic resources from home (off campus). Look for the **Athens login link**.
- All the journals the library subscribes to are listed on the [e-Journals A-Z](#)

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