READING A

JOURNAL ARTICLE
Typical Format for Journal Articles

(1) Abstract
(2) Introduction
(3) Literature Review/Theory
(4) Methods
(5) Results
(6) Discussion
(7) Conclusion
Steps in the Research Process

1. Select Topic
2. Focus Question
3. Design Study
4. Collect Data
5. Analyze Data
6. Interpret Data
7. Inform Others
Practice Article


What is the topic of this article?
What is the research question?
How were data collected?
How were data analyzed?
What are the important findings?
Purpose in Reading

What is your purpose in reading a journal article?

• Check relevance to a particular issue
• Understand results
• Understand theory or method
• Evaluate the research
Sections to Read

(1) Abstract
(2) Introduction & Conclusion
(3) Discussion
(4) Tables and Figures
(5) Results
(6) Lit Review/Theory
(7) Methods