

Common sections of a journal article

Article sections	Descriptions
Article title	The title of what you are reading (which is different from the journal name). It is also required for APA 6th referencing .
Author & affiliation	The author/s of the article and where they work.
Keywords	Words identified by the author which are central to the article content and theoretical frameworks.
Abstract	A brief summary of the research article, the research questions, relevant research process or methodology and overall purpose/conclusion. The abstract is used to help you quickly grasp the paper's purpose and research contribution.
Introduction	The introduction of the main topic, background research and issues relevant to the study. The introduction outlines the research context and questions that the study will address.
Literature review	A survey of current and relevant knowledge of the theoretical and methodological contributions about a particular topic.
Methodology	The methodology or research design outlines the theoretical framework for the research. The methods identify how the research was carried out.
Results/findings	Details and results from the new study.
Figures & tables	Represent data in visual way. These may include images, graphs and text organised into rows and columns. If they are not created by you or licensed under Creative Commons, then they need to be referenced .
Discussion	The discussion connects the study findings to past research and relevant issues.
Conclusion	The conclusion reminds the reader of the research questions and the main results/findings and states the significance/importance of the study.
Reference list	The author/s include full details of all the research they have cited in their article.