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Finding journal articles

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Do you have the details of a **specific article** or are you searching for **articles on a topic**?

Specific article

Do you know the name of the journal?

YES

Use the **Discovery** service and click on the **Publications** link (top left). Enter the journal name. If the journal is not found, use on the **Catalogue** search box on the **Library website**. Enter the journal name (select 'Journals and Serials' under 'Collection') to check for print journals.

Have you found the journal?

YES

Is it available as an electronic journal (e-journal)?

YES

Click on the link to access the supplier's journal archive. Select the year, volume, and issue number. The journal article should appear in the list. Look for the link to the full-text or PDF version.

From off campus, you must look for the link to Shibboleth (also called Institutional Login or UK Federation). Enter your institutional login (your university username and password) in the University of Portsmouth login box.

NO

Locate the journal in the Library using the **shelfmark** details on the **Library catalogue.**

NO

Obtain a copy of the journal article from the **Interlibrary loans** service.

NO

If you have a **reading list**, the name of the journal is normally written in *italics.*

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Articles on a topic

Have you considered other sources of information besides journal articles, such as textbooks or encyclopaedias?

Do you know the name of the **database** you would like to search?

YES

From the **Library website**, click on the **'Click to search Library resources' button** and then use the **Library Catalogue** search box. Type the database name in the search box.

NO

From the **Library website**, click on the **'Click to search Library resources'** button and then use the **Discovery Service** search box. This is a search engine designed to help you find journal articles and other academic material by searching many of the library's databases in a single search. Alternatively, click on **Subjects** and select a subject covering your topic to find recommended databases.

Once you have accessed the search you want, think carefully about the **keywords** you are going to use. The **Advanced Search** screen will help you to narrow your search. Ask your Faculty Librarian for advice on your search strategy. Look at our **Accessing Electronic Resources** webpage under **Using Resources – Guides to Using Resources** if you are having trouble accessing our electronic resources.