

ar·ti·cle S2 W1

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noun [countable]

- 1 **newspaper/magazine** a piece of writing about a particular subject in a newspaper or magazine:

article on/about

an article on environmental issues

*The paper's **leading article** (= the main article) **described the government as weak.***

newspaper articles

- 2 **object** (formal) a thing, especially one of a group of things

SYN item

household articles

*She only took a few **articles of clothing** with her.*

- 3 **law** a part of a law or legal agreement that deals with a particular point:

Article 1 of the constitution guarantees freedom of religion.

- 4 **grammar** (technical) a word used before a noun to show whether the noun refers to a particular example of something or to a general example of something. In English, 'the' is called the definite article and 'a' and 'an' are called the indefinite article.

- 5 **articles** (BrE)

an agreement by which someone finishes their training, especially as a lawyer, by working for a company

- 6 **an article of faith**

something that you feel very strongly about so that it affects how you think or behave

NOUN + newspaper

a newspaper article *He writes newspaper articles in the Guardian.*

a magazine article *The couple talked frankly about their joy at having a new baby in a magazine article published yesterday.*

a feature article (= one about a particular subject) *I wrote a few feature articles on sporting events.*

ADJECTIVES/NOUN + article

a good/ excellent/ interesting article *There was an interesting article on Russia in the paper today.*

the leading/ lead article (= the main article) *Look at this leading article from Newsweek's business section.*

a front-page article *The protest followed a front-page article in the Herald three weeks ago.*

an in-depth article (= one that is detailed) *Each issue contains in-depth articles and photographs.*

verbs

write/ do an article *The Times have asked me if I will do an article on the election.*

read/ see an article *It was good to see such an intelligent article on censorship.*

publish/ carry/ run an article (= print it in a newspaper or magazine) *The magazine carried an article on the dangers of being overweight.*

an article appears in a newspaper/ magazine *A couple of articles appeared in local papers, but nothing else.*

THESAURUS

article a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine about a particular subject: *Greg began his career writing articles for the college magazine. | an interesting newspaper article*

story an article in a newspaper about a recent event, especially one that a lot of people find interesting or exciting: *a front-page story* | *I read a newspaper story about the crash.* | *The local paper ran a story* (= published a story) *about the festival.*

piece a short article in a newspaper or magazine: *I've written a couple of pieces for the New York Times magazine.* | *The piece was first published in the Observer.*

feature a special article about a particular subject, often with photographs and continuing for several pages: *They had a special feature on Croatia.* | *The paper did a big feature on growing your own food.*

review an article in a newspaper or magazine about a book, play, product, hotel etc, giving someone's opinion of it: *The play had rave reviews* (= people liked it a lot - an informal use) . | *Did you see the review of the new Coldplay album?*

column an article by a particular writer that appears regularly in a newspaper or magazine: *He has a weekly column in the Times.* | *She writes a newspaper column on gardening.*

editorial a piece of writing in a newspaper that gives the personal opinion of the editor about something that is in the news: *Several years ago the New York Times published an editorial stating that the appropriate minimum wage is \$0.00.*

cutting (*BrE*) an article that has been cut from a newspaper or magazine: *His mother has kept all his old press cuttings.*

Word origin

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