

L2 Research Project (S3 + S4) – Checklist for finding appropriate and accessible articles for research



An acceptable article will correspond to the following criteria. Put a tick or a cross in the corresponding box for each of your articles 1-10. If there are any crosses, you should rethink that choice of article.

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Presents new methods, findings, and/or analysis relevant to your topic										
Is published by a university, research institute, (inter)governmental organization, <u>respected</u> scientific magazine or media outlet (see teacher list)										
Was written recently enough to be relevant to your topic (last 10 years)										
Was written by an academic authority on the subject										



An unacceptable article is likely to correspond to the following criteria. If your articles meet any of these criteria, place a cross in the relevant box. If there are any crosses, you will lose points for that choice of article, so you should change it.

Criteria	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Is just a fact sheet or encyclopedia page summarizing what is commonly known about your subject (Wikipedia, Encyclopedia Britannica)										
Is an information page or report published by a private company, think-tank, NGO ...										
In an article published by a non-respected or little-known media outlet (including ones that might “specialize” in science)										
Is a video, a blog, a self-help page (e.g. Yahoo answers), a list of tips (e.g. “Ten Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint”), a source designed for children, a podcast										
Is full of spelling mistakes, advertises a product, has an evident conflict of interest, or is not transparent about the author’s credentials or the source of the information presented										
Was not originally published in English, or was unofficially translated from another language using DeepL or AI										

Note : used carefully, the “unacceptable articles” may be useful for background reading, vocabulary building and finding new avenues in your research. They are not to be included on your bibliography, however. Remember too that by definition, an article is a **written** source.