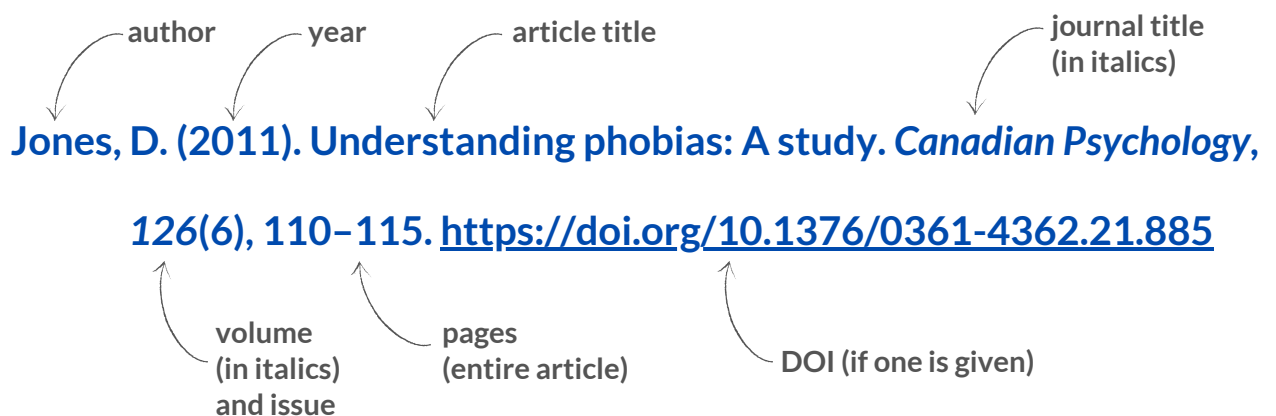# APA REFERENCES LIST: ARTICLES

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BASIC FORMAT FOR AN ARTICLE:

author   year   article title   journal title (in italics)

Jones, D. (2011). Understanding phobias: A study. *Canadian Psychology,*

126(6), 110–115. https://doi.org/10.1376/0361-4362.21.885

volume (in italics) and issue   pages (entire article)   DOI (if one is given)

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Player, G. D. (2021). My color of my name: Composing critical self-celebration with girls of color through a feminist of color writing pedagogy. *Research in the Teaching of English, 55*(3), 216–240. https://library.ncte.org/journals/rte/issues/ v55-3/31182

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Smith, B., Diaz, J. M., & Habib, M. (2011). Treatment for physically abused children. *Journal of Clinical Psychology, 45*(3), 24–28. https://doi.org/10.1742/0661-8532.71.823

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- Online **magazines** usually do not have DOIs. Use the **URL** instead, or page numbers if consulted in print. Add a plus sign (+) for non-continuous pages.

Somers, J. (2020, November). How the coronavirus hacks the immune system. *The New Yorker.* https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/11/09/how-the-coronavirus-hacks-the-immune-system

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Fisk, E. (2012, January 17). Liberals and leadership. *The Globe and Mail* [Toronto], D12.

Stachiew, M. (2021, May 21). Asylum seeker discovers Montreal's generosity while working pandemic's front line. *The Montreal Gazette.* https://montrealgazette.com/sponsored/news-sponsored/asylum-seeker-discovers-montreals-generosity-while-working-pandemics-front-line

- Articles from **online news sources** (like Reuters, CNN, and BBC News) are given in italics.

Craymer, Lucy. (2022, July 7). *Meteor flashes across sky over Wellington, New Zealand.* Reuters. https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/meteor-flashes-across-sky-over-wellington-new-zealand-2022-07-07/

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