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Purpose?	Entertainment News	Communication of research findings
	General Information	
Intended Audience?	General Public	Written for professional colleagues
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Advertising?	Lots of adds for popular items	Few ads for professional items
Publisher?	Commercial	Academic
Frequency?	Published more often – weekly/month	Published less often – monthly/quarterly
Tone/Language?	Engaging/Sensational	Serious/Scholarly
	Easy to read and understand	Technical Language/Professional jargon
Graphics?	Glitzy illustrations	Scientific illustrations
	Lots of photographs	Charts/Graphs
Depth of Coverage?	General information about the topic	More detailed, technical information
	Shorter in length	Current research reported
		Lengthier articles
Sources Cited?	Rarely	Footnotes and bibliographies
Authors?	Credentials rarely given	Professional position and institutional affiliation listed
	Often journalist	Expert in subject matter