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Language	Academic; Can be very technical; Uses the language of the discipline	Written for practitioners; Can use jargon extensively	Written for a general educated audience	Non-technical language
Authors	Researchers, academics, professors, scholars, etc.	Practitioners in the field or journalists with subject expertise	Journalists	Generally, journalists and freelance writers
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