Magazine or Journal?

The library owns or provides access to both magazines and journals. How can you tell the difference? Look for the following characteristics:

Magazines have:

- Advertisements
- Many color pictures
- Short articles
- Sometimes has authors name given
- Non-technical language

Journals have:

- Few or no advertisements
- Long articles with an in-depth analysis
- Tables and charts but few pictures
- Always has author’s name with contact information
- Professional language used
- Articles with abstracts (or summaries of the article)
- Always has a list of references for each article published
- Has a section, often near the back, telling an author how to prepare an article for submission to the Journal.
  - Explains the peer review process.