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It's really frustrating when this happens, but here's why.

Articles come from the databases we subscribe to. Some databases have ALL the articles there. Some only have an abstract, or summary of the article. Others have a mixture of both full text and abstract. The system can't tell whether the article is full text or just an abstract, so even though it says **Full text available**, once you get in further you may find the article is just not there.

Here are some things you can do:

1. Select only Peer-reviewed Journals. This doesn't always guarantee full text, but it helps
2. It helps to know which databases give the best results. For example **Proquest** is excellent. **Highwire Press Free** can be dodgy.

A list of all full text databases is found on the library homepage under *Databases > Full Text Databases*

3. Check for the article in Google or Google Scholar. You just may find it there.

Example

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Title: Collaboration in computer science: a network science approach.(Report)
Source: Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology [1532-2882] Franceschet, Massimo yr:2011 vol:62 iss:10 pg:1992

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