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Reference List

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An Article in a Newspaper

Schultz, S. (2005, December 28). Calls made to strengthen state energy policies. *The Country Today*, pp. 1A, 2A.

An Article in a Journal

Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(3), 5-13.

A Book

Tannen, D. (1990). *You just don't understand: Women and men in conversation*. New York, NY: Harper.

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