



PLAGIARISM

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What is plagiarism?

- Latin: kidnapper or thief (Agrawal, 2020, 175)
- Using someone's work without crediting them (Masic, 2014; Cottrell, 2019, 247, Prichard, 2008, 160)
- Pretending work is your own (Greetham, 2020, 175)
- Copying development of points (Wisker, 2019)
- Intellectual theft (Smale and Fowlie, 153)
- Intentional or unintentional (Wilson and Bedford, 2009, 116)



Deliberate VS Accidental

Directly copying (Prichard, 2008, 161)

Essay mills (Prichard, 2008, 161)

Copying and (Prichard, 2008, 161)

Not realizing original source (Prichard, 2008, 161)

Not understanding processes (Prichard, 2008, 161; Greetham, 2023, 236; Husain, Al Shaibani and Mahfoodh, 2017)

Rushing your work (Greetham, 2023, 236)



When Can I Plagiarize?

books	brochures/leaflets	photos	radio/TV programmes
journals/magazines	maps	poster	music (live or recorded)
reports	presentations	website	audio/podcasts
lecture notes	diagrams	sculptures	CDs/DVDs
internal documents	designs	paintings	films/videos
conference papers	emails	installations	phone conversations
unpublished theses	letters	adverts	face-to-face conversations
poems/stories	texts		Acts of parliament

(Image from: Drew and Bingham, 2016, p. 176)



How to Avoid Plagiarism

- Page number for quotes (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 230; Wilson and Bedford, 2009, 116; Masic, 2014)
- Do not cut and paste (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 230; Price and Maier, 2007, 304; Darr, 2019, 138)
- Do not allow others to copy from you (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 230; Drew and Bingham, 2016, 176; Price and Maier, 2007, 304; Barrow and Westrup, 2019, 30)
- Form a system to distinguish quotes in your notes (Price and Maier, 2007, 306; Jones, 2022, 187; Darr, 2019, 138; Cottrell, 2019, 247)
- Practice summarizing and paraphrasing (Price and Maier, 2007, 306; Godfrey, 2018; Agrawal, 2020, 176)
- All sources on reference list (Drew and Bingham, 2016, 176; Masic, 2014; Cottrell, 2019, 247)
- Leave lots of time to complete your work (Godfrey, 2018; Agrawal, 2020, 176)
- Do not use essay mills (Jones, 2022, 187; Barrow and Westrup, 2019, 30)
- If you cannot paraphrase it, do not use it (Darr, 2019, 138)



Consequences of Plagiarism

- Losing marks/zero marks (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 230; Smale and Fowlie, 2009, 153; Wisker, 2019, 61; Jones, 2022, 186; Cottrell, 2019, 247; UWTSD, 2023, 18)
- Disciplinary action (Drew and Bingham, 2016, 174)
- Exclusion (Drew and Bingham, 2016, 174; Smale and Fowlie, 2009, 153; Jones, 2022, 186; Agrawal, 2020, 176)
- No degree/fail course (Drew and Bingham, 2016, 174; Price and Maier, 2007, 303)
- Academic misconduct panel (Wilson and Bedford, 2019; Jones, 2022, 185; UWTSD, 2023, 9)
- Having to resubmit for a different question (Jones, 2022, 186)
- Resit module (Barrow and Westrup, 2019, 31)
- Needing to resit the year (Jones, 2022, 186)
- Note of it on academic transcript (Jones, 2022, 186)



Examples of Plagiarism

- Not using quotation marks for a quote (Greetham, 2023, 241; Masic, 2014)
- Paraphrase is too close to the original or not cited (Greetham, 2023, 241; Agrawal, 2020, 175)
- Taking statistics without citing (Greetham, 2023, 241)
- Word for word copying (Agrawal, 2020, 175)
- Incorrect citation (Masic, 2014)
- Citing a non-existent source (Masic, 2014)
- Using too much of one source (Masic, 2014)
- Resubmitting work that you've already submitted (UWTSD, 2023, 3)



Paraphrasing: What and Why?

- Own words and sentence structure (Cottrell, 2019, 247)
- Shows you really understand the text, as you were able to rephrase it (Godfrey, 2018)
- Means you learn more (Greetham, 2023, 235)
- Summarizing is more condensed (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 231; Frohman and Lupton, 2020, 98; Read, 2018, 15)
- Using automated paraphrasing software is plagiarism (UWTSD, 2023, 3)



How to Paraphrase

- Read, cover and write (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 231; Frohman and Lupton, 2020, 96; Darr, 2-19, 105; Cottrell, 2019, 241)
- Use synonyms (Godfrey, 2018; Frohman and Lupton, 2020, 96; Greetham, 2023, 242)
- Use your own writing style and words (Godfrey, 2018; Read, 2018, 20)
- Make sure the paraphrase supports your point but still represents the idea of the original text (Godfrey, 2018; Frohman and Lupton, 2020, 231; Read, 2018, 20; Cottrell, 2019, 247)
- Only include paraphrases that are relevant to your question (Greetham, 2023, 242)
- Remember your citation (Read, 2018, 20)
- You do not have to cite common knowledge (Darr, 2019, 106, Reed, 2018, 11)



Common Knowledge

Common knowledge is facts everyone knows (Greetham, 2023, 273)



e.g. there are 365 days in a year



If you do not know if it is common knowledge, cite it! (Greetham, 2023, 239)



Benefits of Referencing Your Work

- The reader can find your source (Price and Maier, 2007, p.307; Prichard, 2008, 159)
- You can come back to source easily (Price and Maier, 2007, 307)
- More credible (Price and Maier, 2007, 307; Prichard, 2008, 159; Drew and Bingham, 2016, 174)
- Avoid being accused of plagiarism (Price and Maier, 2007, 307; Prichard, 2008, 159; Read, 2018, 11)
- Shows you have read widely (Prichard, 2008, 159; Drew and Bingham, 2016, 174; Masic, 2014; Read, 2018, 11)
- It's morally right (Greetham, 2023, 235; Cottrell, 2019, 249)



Top Tips for Referencing

- Give enough information (Drew and Bingham, 2016, 177)
- Use *ibid.* (Smale and Fowlie, 2009, 158; Price and Maier, 2007, 314)
- Check for punctuation and spelling errors (Darr, 2019, 134)
- Make sure you use margin conventions (Darr, 2019, 134)
- Alphabetise your reference list (Darr, 2019, 134)
- Use the recommended referencing system (Read, 2018, 11)
- If there is more than two authors use *et al.* (Price and Maier, 2007, 313)
- For a citation in a citation, give credit in brackets e.g. Smith (2002, cited in Junes, 2021; Price and Maier, 2007, 313)



How to Reference Quotes



Less than 10% of your work (McMillan and Wayers, 2012, 230)



Powerful or directly supports or contradicts thesis point (Read, 2018, 13; Cottrell, 2019, 247)



Don't put two quotes close together (Read, 2018, 13)



Maintain the punctuation (Cottrell, 2019, 247)



Use quote marks and include page number (Cottrell, 2019, 247)

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