Did I Plagiarize?

The Types and Severity of Plagiarism Violations

Did you steal, copy, or purchase another's entire document and take full credit for it being your own?

Yes

Did you re-use large portions of a work of your own for another purpose or publication and not cite yourself?

Yes

Did you provide multiple sources and stitch them together, making them sound like your own?

Yes

Did you copy large portions (entire paragraphs and sections) of another's work and not give full credit?

No

Did you paraphrase a source that doesn't exist or did you make up what the source actually said?

Yes

Did you cite a source that others have cited?

Yes

Did you misinterpret or cite a source out of context?

Yes

How Serious Is It?

Yes! If you couldn’t answer “yes” to ALL of the questions to the right (or if you answered “yes” to all but one), then you are most likely in violation of plagiarism standards. Note that even the slightest of plagiarism infractions is serious. Even if you didn’t mean to plagiarize or you weren’t familiar with all plagiarism standards, you are held accountable. Lack of understanding or intent does not free you from serious penalty. Further, not all plagiarism violations are treated with the same severity; some are certainly more severe than others. And repeated infractions, just like with the law, can cause harsher penalties. Follow the chart to the left and below to determine how you plagiarized and how serious it is.

No!

If you’ve committed what you have written not for original design or original work but for another’s work and not giving full credit, then you have committed plagiarism.

Are you CONFIDENT that your ideas are your own OR that they are so obviously common knowledge (like the fact that the earth is round) that you didn’t need to cite any sources?

Yes

Did you give credit to ALL original authors for any text you directly quoted?

Yes

Did you give credit to ALL original authors for any ideas you summarized or paraphrased, even if you completely changed the wording?

Yes

Did you give credit to ALL original artists for any images or graphics you used or referred to?

Yes

Are you CONFIDENT that you didn’t distort or misinterpret an author’s or artist’s original meaning when you cited them?

Yes

Are you CONFIDENT that the organization and style of your work is your own creation and that you didn’t mimic the style or layout of someone else?

Yes

Did you use a proper and recognized citation method OR did you include enough citation information that a reader could locate the original work on his/ her own?

Yes

Did you cherry-pick a few terms and phrases to change but keep the rest of the text and ideas from another’s work relatively unchanged without giving credit?

Yes

Did you cite many sources correctly but not cite others at all?

Yes

Did you duplicate (re-use) an entire work of your own for another purpose or publication and not cite yourself?

Yes

Did you make a mistake in your citations? Wrong source, wrong author, or something similar?

No

Did you mostly cite everything correctly but got a bit sloppy on some and failed to note small things like page numbers or publishers?

Yes

Plagiarism Severity Meter: How Serious Is the Violation?

Identity Theft

Copycat

Cherry-pick

Mitosis

Recycle

Remix

Ghost Citation

Half-n-half

Warp

Mosaic

Reflection

Misuse

Half-hearted

Insanely

Extremely

Terribly

Immensely

Profoundly

Hugely

Very, Very

Very

Remarkably

Quite

Notably

Somewhat

Mildly

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