

# What is Plagiarism?

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# Plagiarism

- **Plagiarism** is using someone else's words without giving them proper credit in your essay.
- Plagiarism is stealing another writer's work.

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# Plagiarism Situations

- Your friend had your current English teacher last year. She gives you one of her essays that received a “B+”. You make a few changes and submit it.



**Plagiarism!**



# Plagiarism Situations

- You find an article on the Internet that says exactly what you would like to say in your essay. You copy a few sentences and forget to add a citation.



**Plagiarism!**



# Key to Avoiding Plagiarism

## **Golden Rule:**

- Always write a source citation for words and ideas that are not your own.
- Always include that source on your references page.





# Example: Original Source

On film or videotape, violence begins and ends in a moment. “Bang bang, you’re dead.” Then the death is over. This sense of action-without-consequences replicates and reinforces the dangerous “magical” way many children think. Do the twelve- and fourteen-year-olds who are shooting each other to death in Los Angeles, Chicago or Washington, D.C., really understand that death is permanent, unalterable, final, tragic? Television certainly is not telling them so.

Prothrow-Stith, Deborah. *Deadly Consequences*.  
New York: Harper Perennial, 1991: 34. Print.



# Example: Plagiarism

On film and television, violence begins and ends in a minute, and then the death is over. Teenagers killing each other across the country don't realize that death is unalterable, final and tragic, because they do not see its consequences on TV.

**Paraphrase:** Using some of your own words to express another writer's ideas.



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On film and television, violence begins and ends in a minute, and then the death is over. Teenagers killing each other across the country don't realize that death is unalterable, final and tragic, because they do not see its consequences on TV.

**Verbatim:** Copying another writer's words exactly as printed with no changes.



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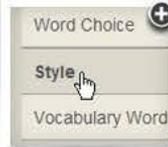
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# Summary: Plagiarism

## Main Key:

- Whenever you use an outside source to write your essay, document that source in your list of references when you paraphrase or copy verbatim.

