

Plagiarism and Citations

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the practice of passing someone else's work as your own, intentionally or unintentionally. It is a very serious offense and can result in a zero, disciplinary action, or expulsion in high school and college.

Famous Example of Plagiarism

- How Opal Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life
 - The author, after being accused of plagiarism, was dropped from her publisher, was forced to recall books and issue refunds, got her movie deal terminated, and worse of all has had her reputation tarnished.
 - Read more about this example:
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/How_Opal_Mehta_Got_Kissed,_Got_Wild,_and_Got_a_Life
 - <https://slate.com/human-interest/2006/04/kaavya-viswanathan-s-plagiarism-case.html>

What Counts as Plagiarism?

- Plagiarism can occur, intentionally and unintentionally, in many ways such as the following:
 - Not adding quotation marks
 - either in an attempt to make it sound like you work or accidentally
 - Word for word copying from websites, books, magazines, etc.
 - Paraphrasing
 - If you only change some phrases/words but still present the idea as your own, it is plagiarism
 - Inaccurate Citation
 - If your citations make the text you are trying to cite inaccessible, it is almost as if you did not cite at all

- Consultation Credit
 - If someone helped you write something and you do not include attribution to them, it is plagiarism.
- Self-Plagiarism
 - If you reuse a paper/project/assignment without permission it is self-plagiarism
 - It generally does not apply to college essays or scholarships application but more so to assignments, papers, and projects. It never hurts to check!
- More Information About Plagiarism
 - Forms of plagiarism source
 - <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism>
 - Other resources outline plagiarism
 - <https://www.bowdoin.edu/dean-of-students/judicial-board/academic-honesty-and-plagiarism/common-types-of-plagiarism.html>
 - <https://libguides.library.cityu.edu.hk/plagiarism/what-constitutes-plagiarism>

Citations

Citations - often including name of document, author, year published, and publisher- are ways to give credit to a document you reference in your own work. You must include citations for every source you utilize including websites, magazine articles, scientific journals, etc.

- There are many citing styles each with its own rules and guidelines. The most popular for high school students is MLA. For college students and researcher papers the norm is APA.

In-Text Citations

- There are two types of citations you must include in your work. In-text citations, in one form or another, are part of almost all citing styles. These require you to cite other people's work in your text, most times including the last name of the author and the year of publication.

Ex: (Smith, 2020)

- These citations differ from style to style and depending on what type of document you are citing (website, book, journal, etc.). Make sure to check guides to accurately format your citations.

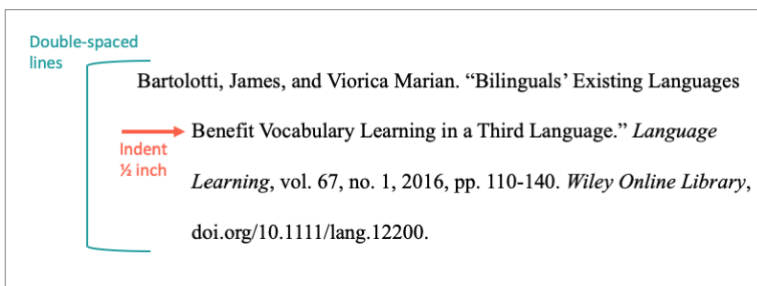
Bibliography/Reference/Works Cited

- This is where you provide the full citation. It usually includes more detail than the in-text citations. What the heading is, how to format it and what to include in each citation varies to make sure to check the guidelines for each style.

- APA Ex:

Becker, D. (2012, October 4). Cite what you see, cite what you use [Blog post]. Retrieved from <http://blog.apastyle.org/apastyle/2012/10/cite-what-you-see-cite-what-you-use.html>

- APA Ex:



Online Generators

- Citations can be confusing but there are resources that make them for you.
- <https://www.easybib.com/>
 - The following is a great option to cite; it autofills information and allows you to copy a fill formatted bibliography into your paper.
 - Formats in many styles including MLA and APA
 - It also checks your paper for grammatical errors
 - It is Free!

- <https://prod.owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/>
 - Purdue Owl is your best friend for all things writing - especially citations
 - They have example citations and papers in all formats to help you set up your assignments accurately
 - They also have workshops, Q&A's, and guides to help
 - It is Free!