

What is Plagiarism?

“...Taking and passing off as one’s own someone else’s work or ideas (from Latin *plagiārius*, kidnapper, literary thief).”

~ Macmillan Dictionary

***ANY TIME YOU USE SOMEONE
ELSE'S IDEA, cite it.***



This is considered **Cheating!**



Already knew that? But...

Did you know *this* was plagiarism too?

- Keeping any of the same vocabulary without quotations, even if cited
- Keeping the original order of ideas or sentence structure without quotations, even if cited (no cutting and pasting and using synonyms)
- Not using ANY of your own ideas (entire paper is cited)
- Parenthetical citations do not lead to the right source
- Inaccurately paraphrasing or misrepresenting the author's intentions

What's The Big Deal?

If you plagiarize:

In the “Real World,” if you plagiarize, you may...

- Be expelled from college the first time
- Lose your job
- Lose recommendations to another college or job
- Be sued by the person whose idea you “borrowed”



**Instead of Plagiarizing,
you have 2 choices...**

“Use A Direct Quotation” ...

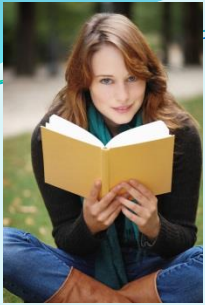
- Use the author’ s *exact words* in “quotation marks”
- Don’ t make ANY changes
- Give the author’ s name (Wilson 5)

That tells your teacher, “I did not write this part. These are someone else’ s words.”

...or Paraphrase



- Explain the main ideas of something you read
- Write completely in your own words
- Show that you understand the source
- Cite the source (Wilson 5)

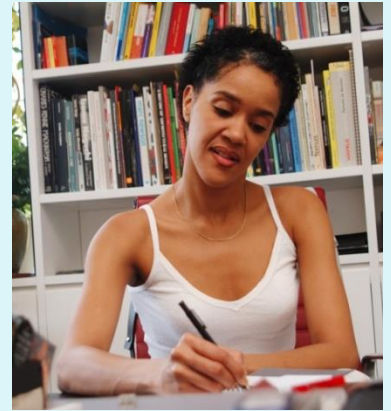


How do I paraphrase?

First, READ ACTIVELY & TAKE NOTES

- **STOP** after each paragraph and ask yourself, “What did I just read?”
- Take notes = Write a list of the main facts.
- Write **ONLY** things that relate to your topic.
- **DON’ T** use full sentences.

Then PARAPHRASE



- *Put the source away*
- Write about what you read in your own words.
- Pretend you're explaining to a friend.
- DON'T put anything in your paper that you don't understand.

Then **CITE YOUR SOURCES!**

- Author and page #:

(Martinez 5)

- For websites, sometimes you don't have a page number:

(Martinez)

- Sometimes you don't have an author either! Use the page title:

("Pollution")

It looks like this:

Americans throw away too much trash. For example, we created 245 million tons of trash in 2006 (Parks 7). Our trash includes things like paper and food scraps that could be recycled or composted instead.

What if I want to use a *quotation* from a book or website?

- Put “**quotation marks...**” around the author’s words in your paper
- And put a **citation** after it like this:

“In 2006, about 245 million tons of trash were produced in the United States” (**Parks 7**).

Then **Introduce** & **Explain** your evidence in your own words:

Americans create too much waste each year. According to the book *Garbage and Recycling*, “In 2006, about 245 million tons of trash were produced in the United States” (Parks 7). **If we keep producing so many tons of trash each year, we will run out of space in landfills, the places where we dump our garbage.**

Don't forget to Cite Your Sources...

Which just means giving credit to the author and making it easy for the reader to find the source.

“Citing your sources” has 2 parts:

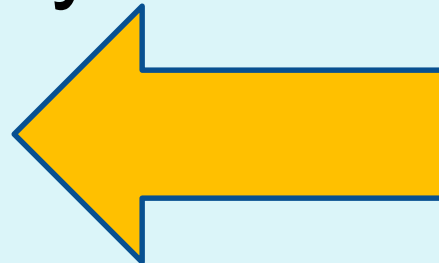
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Bily, Cynthia A. *The Impact of E-Waste*. Chicago: Greenhaven Press, 2009. Print.

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“Pollution.” *The World Book Encyclopedia*. 3rd ed. 2003. Print.

A page at the end of your paper listing each source you used...



- **and Parenthetical citations inside the essay: The author and page number (OR the page title if no author) right after the fact or quote:**

Burrowing owls are an endangered species because of their habitat. “Burrowing owls live in underground dens that are easily threatened by construction projects” (Bily 55). Even if construction crews don’t hurt the owls, the birds may still become too afraid to lay eggs. Burrowing owl populations have gone down by 45% in the last ten years (“Pollution”). Construction companies need to look for burrowing owls before they start working on a new project.

...in MLA format



- **We all have to use the same *format* to write papers & list our sources at the end of the paper**
- **MLA Handbook = a set of rules to do this**
- ***Why?***

Only Sheldon memorizes the MLA Handbook...

So where can you go to get help?

- Purdue OWL
- MLA Tutorials
- Citation generators like:
 - Citation Machine
 - Easy Bib

