Plagiarism is taking credit for someone else's writing as your own, including their language and ideas, without providing adequate credit.[1]

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