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1 Plagiarism

As far as I am concerned, the definition of plagiarism is using others ideas, words, or work without giving proper credit, presenting it as his or her originated ideas.[1] This kind of unethical practices decrease the principles of academic and creative integrity. It also cause harms to the honor in colleges.[2] To avoid plagiarism, it is crucial to understand its forms and adopt preventive measures.

There are various types of plagiarism, including direct copying without citation, paraphrasing without proper acknowledgments, and even self-plagiarism, which means that someone republishes his or her previous work without proper citations.All examples mentioned above are forms of plagiarism of the authenticity of one's work.

To prevent plagiarism, here are 4 strategies for people to use:[1]

1. Cite Sources Properly: When sometimes anyone needs to use others ideas, quotes, or data, providing accurate citations are necessary and compulsory. Different academic disciplines have specific citation formats, such as APA, MLA.People show learn how to correctly use the format and when to use it appropriately.

2. Understand Paraphrasing: When somebody uses information from a source, rephrases it in his or her own words while retaining the original meaning. Ensuring that these paraphrased contents are sufficiently different from the original words in order to avoid plagiarism.

3. Use Quotation Marks: When taking others' source as reference, use quotation marks and provide a citation, which indicate that the text refers to another source.

4. Effectively use duplication checking tools: There are numerous online websites, such as Turnitin and Grammarly, that can help people to identify potential instances of plagiarism in one's work. These tools can be very valuable in ensuring the originality of contents.

In conclusion, plagiarism is a serious ethical problem that can have severe consequences and plague many people. Through understanding its various forms and implementing corresponding measures, everybody can uphold the integrity of their work and also, they can contribute to build a culture of honesty and authenticity.

References

[1] https://www.plagiarism.org/article/preventing-plagiarism-when-writing

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