

Plagiarism Guidelines

There are correct and legal ways to borrow words or ideas from other people, but you must follow certain rules so that you don't get into trouble.

Things you **cannot** do:

- Copy directly without quotes
- Copy directly without citing the source
- Paraphrase without citing the source
- Change some words to make it seem like your own words

Things you **must** do:

- Put quotes around all borrowed words
- Cite your source for every quote
- Cite your source for every paraphrase
- Use your own words and ideas unless you cite your sources

Look at the example below. On the left is an original source with its citation information. On the right is a student's writing, in which she uses the source. The student made some mistakes. Can you find the places where the student has plagiarized? How can you correct the mistakes?

Original Source

Recently developed vaccines, and some of those likely to arrive soon, share many characteristics. In general, they are substantially more complex and expensive than vaccines that preceded them. The new pneumococcal conjugate vaccines, for example, are combinations of ten or 13 individual vaccines and nearly a year is needed to manufacture one batch. Finding ways to ensure that these new vaccines are available and accessible to populations that most need them is a major challenge to the international community.

Levine, Orin S., et al. "New Decade of Vaccines 4: The Future of Immunisation Policy, Implementation, and Financing." *The Lancet* 378.9789 (2011): 439-48. *ProQuest*. Web. 30 June 2015.

Student's Writing

The world's health situation is better now because of advances in medicine, but still there are some challenges. Recent vaccines are more complex and expensive than vaccines that preceded them. Some of the new vaccines are combinations of ten or 13 individual vaccines and take nearly a year to develop one batch. Finding ways to make sure that these new vaccines are given to populations that most need them is a major difficulty to the international community.

What mistakes do you see in the student's writing? You should notice that the first sentence in the student writing is the student's own idea. It's not plagiarized.

The second sentence is plagiarized because the words, "more complex and expensive than vaccines that preceded them," are exactly the same as those in the original source, and they don't have quotation marks or a source listed.

The third sentence is plagiarized because "are combinations of ten or 13 individual vaccines and take nearly a year to develop one batch" is almost the same as the original. Also, the source is not listed.

Finally, the fourth sentence is also plagiarized because it only changed a few words, and is basically copied from the original source without giving credit to the source.

Look at the next one, and see if it is plagiarized or not.

Original Source

Recently developed vaccines, and some of those likely to arrive soon, share many characteristics. In general, they are substantially more complex and expensive than vaccines that preceded them. The new pneumococcal conjugate vaccines, for example, are combinations of ten or 13 individual vaccines and nearly a year is needed to manufacture one batch. Finding ways to ensure that these new vaccines are available and accessible to populations that most need them is a major challenge to the international community.

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Student's Writing

The world's health situation is better now because of advances in medicine, but still there are some challenges. Recent vaccines are "more complex and expensive than vaccines that preceded them" (Levine). It's difficult for people in developing countries to access these important vaccines or even be able to pay for them. Orin Levine explains that making sure "these new vaccines are available and accessible to populations that most need them is a major difficulty to the international community."

This student does not plagiarize because she uses her own words except when she quotes directly. When she borrows words from another source, she puts quotation marks around them and cites the author's name. (Notice the two different ways to cite the source in sentences 2 and 4.)