

NLB e-learning course: Plagiarism is Uncool

More tips on avoiding plagiarism

Plagiarism is like cheating. Don't do it. If you're using somebody else's work, remember to cite the source. Here are some tips on avoiding plagiarism.

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| Try to use your own ideas, rather than relying on the ideas of others. | When writing about climate change, for example, write about how you feel, rather than restating what other's have said and written. |
| Include all bibliographic information about the source when you are taking notes. | Bibliographic information includes the title, author, publisher, URL, etc. Write these down when you're taking notes. |
| Cite all sources found on the Internet. | Use the Citation Machine website to create the citation for the website you're taking ideas from. |
| Cite your sources if you are quoting, paraphrasing or summarising. | Again, to make it easy for you to create citations, use the Citation Machine website. |
| Use quotation marks every time you use somebody else's words. | Don't forget to do this. For example: Prince Charles said, "climate change should be seen as the greatest challenge to face man and treated as a much bigger priority in the United Kingdom." Remember, when you quote, don't forget to cite. |
| If you are not sure whether something is considered plagiarism, ask your teacher. | If you're doubtful about something, take it to your teacher and ask him or her about it. It could be a question about whether or not something is common knowledge, or the correct way to cite. |