

# Plagiarism and AI Usage Statement

## Plagiarism Statement:

The reputation of this qualification is dependent on our students' academic integrity. The TEFL Academy does not tolerate plagiarism, nor the use of third parties, electronically or otherwise, to produce assignments.

**Work submitted for the assignments must be your own.** You must not discuss the assignments on open forums, nor publish any part of your assignment or the assignment instructions or documents. You must not request to see others' work, nor offer to show, give or sell any part of your own work to others.

We appreciate that some students study this course with a friend, and indeed would encourage you to work in this way. However, assignments must be produced entirely independently. If you and another currently enrolled student are found to have submitted assignments that are either similar or identical, your **submissions will be cancelled**, and you will both be asked to **submit a new assignment**.

We are aware that, unfortunately, there are copies of The TEFL Academy assignments available or for sale online.

Please bear in mind that we regularly conduct plagiarism spot-checks on our currently enrolled students' recent and past submissions. Students are required to run their work through our plagiarism detection software Copyleaks before submission. Any student who submits an assignment three times with a plagiarism score of over 30% risks being **revoked** from the course **without refund** depending on the results of an internal investigation, in accordance with our Terms and Conditions and Plagiarism, AI Usage, Collusion and Cheating Policy.

If an assignment does not score over 30% for plagiarism but our academic team recognises it as plagiarised from online sources, The TEFL Academy reserves the right to request a resubmission of that assignment. This can also happen retrospectively if any previous plagiarism is spotted during a review of a student's body of work.

If you take any text or teaching ideas from TEFL books or websites, you must provide a clear indication that you have done so and reference such items properly. Currently enrolled students found to have taken material directly from these sources without referencing them will be **immediately revoked** from the course **without refund**.

## AI Usage Statement:

Students should **complete all assignments in this course without the use of any Artificial Intelligence (AI)** tools to generate or edit assignment content. The use of **AI writers** such as ChatGPT, Gemini, and others, and/or **AI writing assistants such as Grammarly** is not permitted. You **must not re-write assignments from work created using AI tools**, such as ChatGPT, as this will still be marked as AI generated by the AI detection software, Copyleaks.

Platforms such as Grammarly and other AI writing assistants use AI to offer certain features used to improve tone, paraphrase and more. These features often use AI and will be detected as AI by the AI detection software. You must **ensure any AI writing assistants, such as Grammarly, are switched off** when writing your assignments. You must also not use any translation tools that also use AI, such as **Google Translate**. Please note the standard spelling and grammar checker included in Microsoft



Word and other similar word processors do not currently use AI, so are permitted for use.

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Should you wish to clarify if a tool can be used when writing your assignment please contact tutor support.