



Plagiarism and Bibliographic Citations

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The scientific method



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To plagiarize means

“to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own: use (another's production) without crediting the source”

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/plagiarizing>



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- the act of using another person's words or ideas **without giving credit to that person**
- to present as new and original an idea or product **derived from an existing source**

Cite your sources

- within the body of your paper
- in a bibliography at the end of your paper



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Why cite?

We asked 20 U of T instructors and administrators why it's important for students to understand how to cite sources. This is what they told us.

**Future source
consultation
by readers**

**Future source
consultation by
the author**

Fact checking

**Respect the academic
community's rules/practices**

**Show that journals aren't web pages –
they're published, numbered, organized**

**Separate
amateurs from
professionals**

**Show students that
referencing has to be
accurate & consistent
to be helpful**

**Demonstrate
author
credibility**

**Show the diversity –
depth - breadth of
sources consulted**

**Strengthen
author's
arguments**

**Show how different
articles build a
single argument**

**Demonstrate
independent
thinking by
students**

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Kinds of plagiarism

Intentional Plagiarism

Rewriting from books or articles

Copying and pasting from webpages to create a patchwork writing

Buying, downloading or borrowing a paper

Unintentional Plagiarism

Not knowing when and how to cite

Not knowing how to paraphrase

Not knowing what “common knowledge” means

Recycling an old paper

Recognise it: is it plagiarism?

You read:

Technology has significantly transformed education at several major turning points in our history. In the broadest sense, **the first technology was the primitive modes of communication used by prehistoric people before the development of spoken language.** Mime, gestures, grunts, and drawing of figures in the sand with a stick were methods used to communicate -- yes, even to educate.

Frick, T. (1991). *Restructuring education through technology*. Bloomington, IN: Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation.

You write:

In examining technology, we have to remember that computers are not the first technology people have had to deal with. **The first technology was the primitive modes of communication used by prehistoric people before the development of spoken language.**

Yes. You must use quotation marks and cite the full bibliographic reference

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Correct version with quotation marks

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You write:

In examining technology, we have to remember that computers are not the first technology people have had to deal with. **Frick (1991) believes that "... the first technology was the primitive modes of communication used by prehistoric people before the development of spoken language" (p. 10).**

Reference:

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(Source: Siegel, B. (1986).
Love, Medicine and Miracles (p. 69). New
York: Harper and Row.)

You write:

Siegel (1986) writes
that **we** still **do not** know **all**
the ways in which brain
chemistry is **related to**
emotions and thoughts, but
the important **point is that**
our mental state **has an**
immediate and direct
effect on our physical state.

Yes! Quotation marks are necessary if you use exact words!

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<https://integrity.mit.edu/handbook/academic-writing/avoiding-plagiarism-paraphrasing>

Correct version: acceptable paraphrase

You read:

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(Source: Siegel, B. (1986).
Love, Medicine and Miracles (p. 69). New
York: Harper and Row.)

You write:

Siegel (1986) writes that although the relationship between brain chemistry and thoughts and feelings is not fully understood, we do know that our psychological state affects our physical state..

- ✓ **Used synonyms**
- ✓ **Changed sentence structure**
- ✓ **Changed voice**
- ✓ **Cited source**

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Common knowledge

- Information widely accessible
- Information that most people know
- Information shared by a cultural or national group
- Knowledge shared by members of a certain field



However, what may be common knowledge in one culture, nation, academic discipline or peer group may not be common knowledge in another.

When in doubt, cite your source!

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Is it plagiarism?

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These examples are from *Che cos'è il Plagio?*, a cura di Roberta Sato. Biblioteca del Dip. di Farmacologia ed Anestesiologia E. Meneghetti, Università di Padova. Aprile 2010

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Tips and tricks to prevent plagiarism

- Take **effective notes** when you are researching
- Make clear **who said what** when you quote
- Learn to **paraphrase** and summarise
- Present your **own viewpoint**

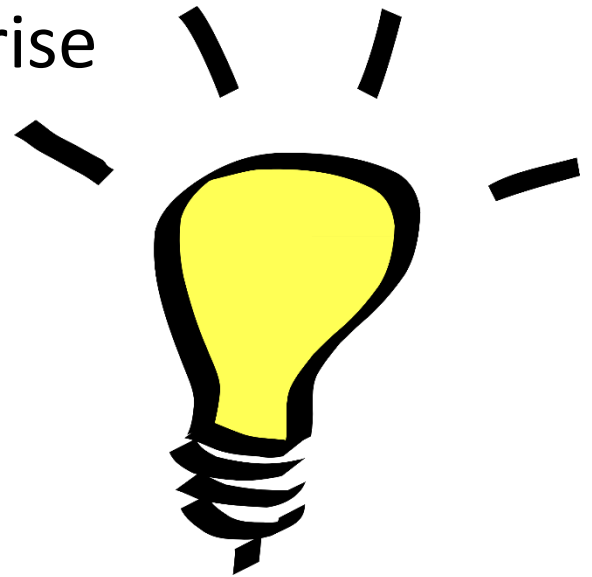


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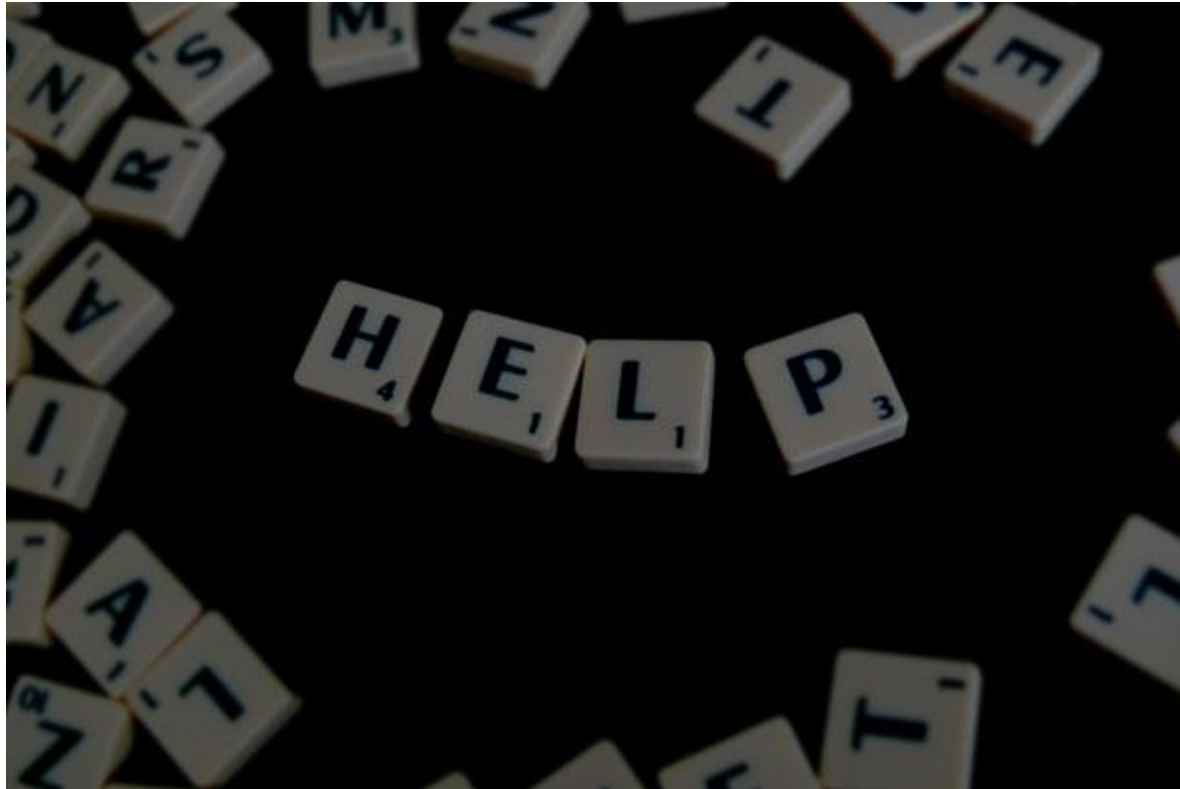


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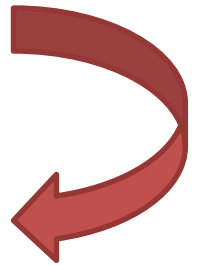
Citing



To mark within your text that the information comes from a published source

To give full publication details of the sources in a list at the end of your essay

Referencing



Academic integrity and referencing. Monash University

<https://www.monash.edu/rlo/research-writing-assignments/referencing-and-academic-integrity>

Citation Styles



A citation style is a set of rules that specify **order, syntax and text formatting** of information in a reference.

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Citation Styles

- Author-Date System
 - **In the text** are included **very brief details** of the sources often in brackets
 - At the end of the paper there is a reference list or bibliography
- Footnotes or Endnotes
 - **At the bottom** of the page there are **full details** of the reference
 - At the end of the paper there is a reference list or bibliography

Citation Styles

- **APA.** APA is an author/date based style. This means emphasis is placed on the author and the date of a piece of work to uniquely identify it.
- **MLA.** MLA is most often applied by the arts and humanities, particularly in the USA. It is arguably the most well used of all of the citation styles.
- **Harvard.** Harvard is very similar to APA. Where APA is primarily used in the USA, Harvard referencing is the most well used referencing style in the UK and Australia, and is encouraged for use with the humanities.
- **Vancouver.** The Vancouver system is mainly used in medical and scientific papers.
- **Chicago and Turabian.** These are two separate styles but are very similar, just like Harvard and APA. These are widely used for history and economics.

Harvard Style

| Type of source | Bibliography | In-text Citation |
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| Book | NEVILLE, C. (2010) <i>The Complete Guide to Referencing and Avoiding Plagiarism</i> . 2nd Ed. Maidenhead: OUP. | Neville (2010) argues that... "Quotation" (Neville, 2010, p.76) |
| Journal article | TREFTS, K. & BLACKSEE, S. (2000) Did you hear the one about Boolean Operators? <i>Reference Services Review</i> . 28 (4). p.369-378. | Trefts and Blacksee (2000) argue that.... "Quotation" (Trefts and Blacksee, 2000, p.376) |
| Website | BBC NEWS. (2008) <i>Factory gloom worst since 1980</i> . [Online] Available from: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/7681569.stm . [Accessed: 19 th June 2012]. | ...as reported by the BBC (2008) "Quotation" (BBC, 2008) |

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1. To include **full details** of **all the sources** referred to in your thesis
2. To use punctuation and text formatting in a **consistent manner** in your reference list



Some links on Plagiarism

- [How to recognize plagiarism](#) - Indiana University
- [Referencing and Plagiarism](#) - The Open University
- [What is Plagiarism?](#) - Academic Integrity at MIT
- [What is plagiarism and how to avoid it](#) – Brock University Library
- [Avoiding plagiarism](#) - University of Leicester

Some links on Bibliographic Citations

- [Academic integrity and referencing](#) – Monash University
- [Referencing and bibliographies](#) - University of Leicester
- [Citing Sources / Create Your Bibliography](#) – University of Toronto Libraries
- [Citing sources: Overview](#) – MIT Libraries
- [Bibliographic information](#) - Prince George's Community College

Some links on Harvard Style

- [Harvard referencing handbook \(2nd edition\)](#) -
University of Lincoln
- [Harvard system](#) – Anglia Ruskin University
- [Harvard referencing guide](#) – Monash University

Some links to play😊

[MLA 8th Edition Citation Style for a Book. Drag and Drop Practice](#) - Grammar-Quizzes.com

[MLA Book Citation. Mixed-up citation exercise](#) -
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