

Plagiarism – a Form of Academic Dishonesty



Plagiarism means taking someone else's work (whole or part) and using it as your own.

Any of the following can be considered "plagiarism":

- turning in someone else's work as your own.
- copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit or a citation.
- failing to put a quotation in quotation marks.
- giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation.
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit.
- copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not.

To learn more about types of plagiarism and see examples, here is a [Plagiarism Guide - https://wts.indiana.edu/writing-guides/plagiarism.html](https://wts.indiana.edu/writing-guides/plagiarism.html) from Indiana University. It shows an example of plagiarized work. It also shows the correct way to use a source.

TIP: Richland Community College instructors have use of a Plagiarism Checker - a tool that takes your assignment, essay, paper, speech transcript, or short answers and identifies if the words have already been used by someone else - including yourself!