

Types of Plagiarism - Examples

Direct Plagiarism Example

- A website owner wants to add new content. Instead of writing articles, he copies articles from other websites and publishes them on his site with his name as the author.
- An academic is expected to publish academic papers but is low on time. He finds a 10-year-old article in an obscure journal, then copies it and submits it as his own work.

Hired Plagiarism Example

- A student decides to hire an academic writing service to produce a literature review for a class. The service produces the complete paper and she submits it as her own work.
- A student asks her older brother for help. The brother offers to just write a paper if she will do his chores for a month. She agrees and turns in what he writes under her byline.

Borrowed Plagiarism Example

Text from a Friend's Paper	Barely Altered Text Submitted as Original
<p>The legal system is made up of civil courts, criminal courts and specialty courts, such as family law courts and bankruptcy courts. Each court has its own jurisdiction, which refers to the cases that the court is allowed to hear. In some instances, a case can only be heard in one type of court. For example, a bankruptcy case must be heard in a bankruptcy court. In other instances, more than one court could potentially have jurisdiction. For example, a federal criminal court and a state criminal court would each have jurisdiction over a crime that is a federal drug offense but that is also a state offense.</p>	<p>The legal system is made up of criminal and civil courts and specialty courts like bankruptcy and family law courts. Each court is vested with its own jurisdiction. Jurisdiction refers to the types of cases the court is permitted to rule on. Sometimes, only one type of court can hear a particular case. For instance, bankruptcy cases can be ruled on only in bankruptcy court. In other situations, it is possible for more than one court to have jurisdiction. For instance, both a state and federal criminal court could have authority over a criminal case that is also considered an offense under federal and state drug laws.</p>

Self-Plagiarism Example

Original Work by the Student	Self-Plagiarized Text
<p>The process of searching for a job can be very stressful, but it doesn't have to be. Start with a well-written resume that has appropriate keywords for your occupation. Next, conduct a targeted job search for positions that meet your needs.</p>	<p>Looking for a job can be very stressful, but it doesn't have to be. Begin by writing a good resume with appropriate keywords for your occupation. Second, target your job search for positions that match your needs.</p>

Mosaic Plagiarism Example

Source Text	Plagiarized Text
<p>Gardening in mixed beds is a great way to get the most productivity from a small space. Some investment is required, to purchase materials for the beds themselves, as well as soil and compost. The investment will likely pay-off in terms of increased productivity.</p>	<p>If you don't have a lot of space for a garden, raised beds can be a great option. Gardening in mixed beds is a great way to get the most productivity from a small area. Some investment is required. You'll need to purchase materials for the raised beds themselves, as well as soil and compost. The investment will pay off, though, in the form of increased productivity.</p>

Collaboration Plagiarism Example

- When someone who did not actually participate in creating a work of writing is listed as one of the authors, the person is taking authorship credit for someone else's work.
- When someone's boss insists on being added as an author to work produced solely by the employee, what the boss is doing is an example of plagiarism.

Contributing Author Plagiarism Example

- If committee members collaborate to create a work of writing, but only the chairperson is listed as the author, this represents plagiarism. Contributing authors should be credited.
- If you work closely with another person to craft a work of fiction and the other person actively contributed to the writing, both of you should be listed as authors of the work.

Aggregated Plagiarism Example

Source Text 1	Plagiarized Text
<p>Performance management involves more than just conducting annual performance evaluations. In fact, many companies have done away with formal performance appraisals altogether. Instead, they opt for one-on-one dialogues between managers and employees on a quarterly or monthly basis.</p>	<p>When your focus is to improve employee performance, ongoing dialogue between managers and their direct reports is essential. While performance management often involves conducting annual performance evaluations, it does involve more than just that.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Source Text 2</p> <p>When your focus is to improve employee performance, it's essential to encourage ongoing dialogue between managers and their direct reports. Some companies encourage supervisors to hold one-on-one meetings with employees as a way to facilitate two-way communication.</p>	<p>Many companies don't do formal performance appraisals anymore. Instead, they encourage one-on-one dialogues in which supervisors hold meetings with employees as a way to facilitate two-way communication and one-on one dialogue. These are done on a quarterly or monthly basis.</p>

Outline Plagiarism Example

Source Outline	Plagiarized Outline
<p>Section 1: Preparing for a disaster overview Section 2: Building an emergency pantry Section 3: Emergency supplies Section 4: First aid and medication inventory Section 5: Preparing for pet needs</p>	<p>Section 1: Overview - Preparing for a disaster Section 2: Build an emergency pantry Section 3: Emergency supply items Section 4: First aid and medicine inventory Section 5: Preparing for needs of pets</p>

Bibliography Plagiarism Example

- You have a research paper due tomorrow and don't want to spend hours on research. Instead, you find another paper and only use sources listed in that paper's bibliography.
- An assignment requires five sources. You can only find two online and don't want to go to the library. You use only the online sources, but list the others in the bibliography.

Secondary Source Plagiarism Example

- Publishing a blog post inspired by another source without including a mention of or link to that source is an example of secondary source plagiarism.

- If you write a term paper that includes ideas you read about in a journal article, that journal article should be cited as a source even if you don't quote directly from it.

Accidental Plagiarism Example

- A student quotes a large block of text from a book word-for-word in a paper. The student includes a footnote, but does not indicate in the text that the words are a direct quote.
- You include information that should be attributed to a source as if it were your own idea. This applies to information you may know from a class, but is not common knowledge.