

# Plagiarism

## What is plagiarism?

According to the University of British Columbia, plagiarism can occur when someone copies as few as 3 words in a row from a source and does not cite that source.

Plagiarism is when someone copies the ideas or words of a person and does not divulge that he or she did so.

It is really a question of honesty. Are the ideas included in your research your own or are they someone else's ideas? It is the same for words that you take from a book, an article or the web. If those words are not your own, you must create a quote and cite the source. Pictures are also owned by someone. Do you need to give the source of these pictures? Yes, you do.

## Types of plagiarism

Accidental: You may not know that you are plagiarizing. If you do not know the difference between quoting and paraphrasing, you may be plagiarizing.

Blatant: You know this is not your own idea or words and you put them in your research anyway without citing.

Own paper re-used: You use the same research paper for two different teachers without telling the second teacher that you are doing so.

**Take plagiarism seriously. It is a theft one way or another.**

Take a few minutes to look at the following presentation on Plagiarism created by the Univ. of Guelph Library.

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