

Plagiarism



Q: What is plagiarism? Plagiarism occurs when you copy someone else's ideas and/or words, from an article, book or song, and pass them off as your own¹. Examiners are very strict on plagiarism since it is certainly immoral and could well be unlawful². **The rule is:** If you quote or extract from an article, web page, book etc., you must indicate the source (to do this simply insert a footnote which gives the name of the author, name/details of the materials, and where they can be located).

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I declare that the attached essay/project/dissertation is my own work and that I have indicated all relevant sources etc. In particular, I confirm that no plagiarism has taken place.

Student Name:

Student Signature: **Date:**

¹ The Concise Oxford Dictionary [Eight Edition 1990] defines to 'plagiarize' as to "take and use the thoughts, writings, inventions of another person as one's own".

² Please note that plagiarism is generally considered to be a civil, rather than a criminal, matter.