

PLAGIARISM 101 Quiz (Penn State University)

These questions are grouped into blocks of three or more. Each block addresses the same issue, so it is suggested that only one version of each question be used or that the order be scrambled.

Use 1 of 3

1. Using something I find on the Internet/Web for a class assignment is always okay.
a. True * b. False
2. Plagiarism is using the ideas and words of someone else as my own work without citing the original work.
* a. True b. False
3. Copying anything from the Internet/Web and using it as my own work is considered plagiarism.
* a. True b. False

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4. Taking small bits of information from the Internet/Web and using it as my own work or to complete an assignment is plagiarism.
* a. True b. False
5. Giving an incorrect reference for information I use is plagiarism.
* a. True b. False
6. If I buy a paper from an Internet/Web site that sells such things, my chance of being caught for plagiarism is small.
a. True * b. False

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7. If I use a substantial amount of information from the Internet/Web without the author's permission for commercial purposes, I have violated copyright law and can be sued.
* a. True b. False

8. If I download something from the Internet/Web and change only a few words and phrase, I can use that information as my own for class assignments.
a. True * b. False
9. I can quote passages from papers I find on the Internet/Web for my class assignments if I properly document where I found the information.
* a. True b. False

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10. Plagiarism is ok if I am not caught because it only affects me and not others.
a. True * b. False
11. It is impossible for someone else to find something that I have taken from the Internet/Web and used as my own work.
a. True * b. False
12. Penn State has information on the Internet/Web that can help me understand how to avoid plagiarism.
* a. True b. False

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13. Information on the Internet/Web is free for me to use any way I want.
a. True * b. False
14. If I find a newspaper article on the Internet/Web, I can use it in my work without reference because it is in an electronic form.
a. True * b. False
15. Any information that is available in electronic form is free for me to use in any way I desire.
a. True * b. False

Use 1 of 3:

16. Copyright laws do not apply to information found on the Internet/Web.
a. True * b. False

17. Using information from the Internet/Web in my class work without referencing the source of the information is not cheating.
a. True * b. False
18. There are Internet/Web sites that my instructor can use to search for sources of the information I used in a class assignment.
* a. True b. False

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19. Using information from the Internet/Web without properly citing the source of the information is cheating.
* a. True b. False
20. It is getting easier for someone to search on the Internet/Web to find not only the source for a entire paper or article, but even to find sentences or paraphrased sentences.
* a. True b. False
21. Using information from the Internet/Web without properly documenting the source is not only cheating, it is illegal and is the same as stealing.
* a. True b. False

Use 1 of 5:

22. It is next to impossible for someone to prove that information I used in a class assignment came from somewhere on the Internet/Web
a. True * b. False
23. It is actually getting very easy for someone else to do an electronic search to find the sources of information I used from the Internet/Web?
* a. True b. False
24. It is very easy to find papers on the Internet/Web and use them as my own.
* a. True b. False

25. Using a substantial amount of a work from the Internet/Web without permission is a violation of copyright law.
* a. True b. False
26. If I use information from the Internet/Web without citing the reference in class assignments, I will be penalized.
* a. True b. False

Use 1 of 2:

27. If I download a graphic without the author's permission, it is a violation of copyright even if I cite the source.
* a. True b. False
28. I do not have to cite the source of numerical data or graphs because it is common knowledge.
a. True * b. False

Use 1 of 3:

29. If I am found guilty of Academic Dishonesty, it could be placed on my permanent transcript
* a. True b. False
30. Many students commit plagiarism because they are too busy or do not think their work is good enough to do well.
* a. True b. False
31. If someone said something in a lecture or on TV, I don't have to cite it because it is not written
a. True * b. False