

AVOIDING PLAGIARISM IN SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

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Introduction: Avoiding plagiarism in scientific articles refers to using someone else's work, ideas, or words without proper attribution, presenting them as your own. It is a serious ethical offense in academic, journalistic, and professional writing.

Types of Plagiarism

1. Direct Plagiarism: Copying text word-for-word without citation.
2. Paraphrasing Plagiarism: Rewording someone's ideas without acknowledgment.
3. Patchwork Plagiarism: Combining content from multiple sources into one piece without attribution.
4. Self-Plagiarism: Reusing your previous work without disclosing it.
5. Accidental Plagiarism: Failing to cite sources correctly due to oversight.

How to Avoid Plagiarism

1. Cite Sources Properly: Use recognized citation styles (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.).
2. Paraphrase Correctly: Rewrite ideas in your own words and still provide credit.
3. Use Quotation Marks: Direct quotes require quotation marks and proper citation.
4. Conduct Original Research: Add your own insights, analysis, and creativity.

Here are some examples of plagiarism in writing to illustrate the different types: --- 1. Direct Plagiarism Original Text: "Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, requiring immediate action on a global scale." Plagiarized Version: "Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, requiring immediate action on a global scale." (The text is copied word-for-word without quotation marks or credit.) ---

2. Paraphrasing Plagiarism Original Text: "Global warming contributes to rising sea levels, threatening coastal communities and ecosystems." Plagiarized Version: "Rising sea levels caused by global warming pose a risk to coastal areas and the environment." (The words are rephrased, but the idea is taken without citation.) ---

3. Patchwork (Mosaic) Plagiarism Original Text 1: "Deforestation leads to habitat loss for countless species." Original Text

2: "The removal of trees accelerates climate change by reducing carbon storage." Plagiarized Version: "Deforestation results in habitat loss for many animals and also

speeds up climate change because fewer trees mean less carbon storage." (This combines parts of two sources without attribution.) ---

4. Self-Plagiarism Example: A student submits a research paper to one class and then resubmits the same paper (or parts of it) to another class without permission. (Reusing your previous work without disclosure is also plagiarism.) ---

5. Accidental Plagiarism Original Text: "Renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power are crucial to reducing fossil fuel dependency." Plagiarized Version: "Energy sources like solar and wind power are important for cutting down reliance on fossil fuels." (The writer failed to cite the original source, even though the paraphrasing is close.) --- Correct Approach (To Avoid Plagiarism)

1. Quoting: "Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, requiring immediate action on a global scale" (Smith, 2023).

2. Paraphrasing with Citation: According to Smith (2023), climate change presents an urgent global issue that demands swift and collective action. 3. Combining Ideas: Deforestation not only causes habitat destruction but also worsens climate change by reducing the Earth's natural carbon storage capacity (Smith, 2023; Jones, 2022). --- Using proper citations and tools to check for originality ensures that your work is ethical and free of plagiarism.

Here are two detailed examples of plagiarism with their corrections: --- Example 1: Paraphrasing Plagiarism Original Text: "Artificial Intelligence (AI) has the potential to transform industries by improving efficiency, reducing costs, and enabling innovation." Plagiarized Version: "AI can change industries by making them more efficient, cutting costs, and fostering innovation." (The idea is paraphrased, but no credit is given to the original author.) Correct Version: According to Smith (2023), Artificial Intelligence can revolutionize industries by enhancing efficiency, lowering expenses, and promoting innovation. --- Example 2: Direct Plagiarism Original Text: "Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is accelerating at an alarming rate, threatening biodiversity and contributing to global warming." Plagiarized Version: "Deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is accelerating at an alarming rate, threatening biodiversity and contributing to global warming." (The text is copied word-for-word without citation.) Correct Version: Smith (2023) states that "deforestation in the Amazon rainforest is accelerating at an alarming rate, threatening biodiversity and contributing to global warming." --- Explanation: In both cases, proper attribution to the original author is added using appropriate citation formats, ensuring the ideas are ethically presented.

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