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# Avoiding Plagiarism at UTS

## Learning Objectives

- Understand the **meaning of plagiarism** and why it is to be avoided
- Appreciate the importance of **academic integrity**
- Gain **practical skills** by completing an online tutorial and quiz

## Academic integrity

- Involves trust between students, academic staff and examiners
- Helps maintain the value of an institution's reputation and the value of a degree



## What is plagiarism?

- ➔ Presenting someone else's work as your own original work without appropriate acknowledgement of its source
- ➔ Can be accidental or deliberate
- ➔ Can result in failing the subject or being excluded from the university



## Examples of plagiarism

- ➔ Copying part(s) of any document without acknowledging the source
- ➔ Presenting another person's ideas or results as your own
- ➔ Paraphrasing and/or summarising another's work without acknowledging the source
- ➔ Buying an assignment written by someone else

## The most important message

- ➔ Learn **the importance of original writing and correct referencing.**
- ➔ This fosters critical thinking skills that are important to student success.



## Avoiding Plagiarism Tutorial

### WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

Plagiarism means presenting someone else's work in any format as your own original work without appropriate acknowledgement of the author or its source. It can also be deliberate cheating if copying and pasting from sources without correct acknowledgement. [Learn more...](#)

### TUTORIAL

There are three exercises for each topic below. In each, determine if the student's writing is acceptable. Have a guess before turning the card to see the answer.

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## Quick Quiz

1. What is the difference between quoting, paraphrasing and summarising?
2. In which two places do you need to acknowledge your sources?
3. Which referencing style is used at UTS?



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## Avoiding Plagiarism Quiz

The screenshot shows the UTS HELPS website. At the top left is the UTS logo. At the top right are links: WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?, TUTORIAL, and TEST YOURSELF. The main heading is 'TEST YOURSELF'. Below it is the text 'How much do you know about plagiarism? Take this quiz to find out!' and a 'START QUIZ' button. The footer is divided into three columns: 'UTS:HELPS' with a description of the program, 'Have a question?' with contact information for HELP@uts.edu.au, and 'UTS' with contact details for the University of Technology Sydney. There are also sections for 'Links' and 'Social' media icons.

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WHAT IS PLAGIARISM? TUTORIAL TEST YOURSELF

## TEST YOURSELF

How much do you know about plagiarism? Take this quiz to find out!

[START QUIZ](#)

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(Click on the image to go directly to the tutorial)

## Post-Quiz Questions – Discuss with your partner

- ➔ Were you surprised by anything covered in the quiz?
- ➔ Which quiz questions were particularly challenging?
- ➔ How confident are you in your ability to avoid plagiarism?

## What to do if you need more help avoiding plagiarism .....

- ➔ Contact **academic staff** such as your tutor, lecturer or course co-ordinator
- ➔ Visit **HELPS** and talk to a **HELPS Advisor**
- ➔ Use HELPS **Self-help resources online:**  
[www.helps.uts.edu.au](http://www.helps.uts.edu.au)



- Online self-help learning resources
- Drop-in consultations
- Writing support sessions
- Conversations@UTS
- Daily workshops
- Volunteer programmes



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Improve your **conversation skills**, including your **pronunciation**

Some students **exchange languages** eg. English/Mandarin; English/French

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*'I think it helped me to follow the speed of native English speakers'.*

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