

Plagiarism Pre-Test

1. What is plagiarism?
 - A. Cheating
 - B. Using someone else's words or ideas without citing the original source
 - C. Copying or borrowing someone else's work
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above

2. You can be expelled from school if you plagiarize.
 - A. True
 - B. False

3. As long as you cite the original source, you can copy a unique phrase and use it in your paper.
 - A. True
 - B. False

4. It might be plagiarism to submit a paper you wrote to two different classes.
 - A. True
 - B. False

5. Which of the following best defines paraphrasing?
 - A. Rearranging words in a passage
 - B. Rewriting ideas presented in a passage after you have read and clearly understood the original
 - C. Piecing together sentences from more than one source

6. You do not need quotation marks when using a direct quote in your paper.
 - A. True
 - B. False

7. When paraphrasing you should follow the original passage closely and replace certain words to better support your ideas.
 - A. True
 - B. False

8. The author's name, title of the article and journal or book, and page numbers should all be included in a citation.
 - A. True
 - B. False

9. Which of the following does NOT need to be cited?
A. A quote from a website about actor Vin Diesel
B. Common knowledge that many people already know
C. A quote from your professor's lecture in class
10. A line from your favorite song does not need to be cited.
A. True
B. False
11. When is it acceptable to copy passages from an article online?
A. You cite the original source
B. You know the author's credentials
C. Never, it is always plagiarism
12. Which of the following media do you NOT need to cite?
A. A chart from your textbook
B. A video you saw on MTV
C. A song you downloaded from the Internet
D. A photo you took with your digital camera

13. What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase?

Original Passage from: Menozzi, M., Lang, F., Napflin, U., Zeller, C., & Krueger, H. (2001). CRT versus LCD: effects of refresh rate, display technology and background luminance in visual performance. *Displays*, 22, 79-85.

Liquid crystal displays (LCD) have become increasingly popular in workplaces with video display terminals (VDT). Modern LCDs offer many advantages over cathode ray tubes (CRT). LCDs enable employers to reduce many of the risk factors that cause visual complaints. For instance, reflections on LCDs can be considerably lower than on CRTs. Luminance of LCDs can be adjusted to high values without affecting the size of a pixel, positively affecting the inner contrast of characters. Furthermore, the LCD image is flicker-free.

Paraphrase:

LCD screens are popular in offices and offer many advantages over CRT screens. LCD screens give employers the opportunity to reduce visual complaints. Reflections on LCDs can be considerably lower than on CRTs, and they have better luminance, and they are flicker-free.

- A. Did not cite the original source.
B. A portion of the paraphrase is a direct quote and should be in quotations.
C. Follows the original passage too closely.
D. All of the above
E. Nothing is wrong with this passage.

14. What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase?

Original Passage from: Abrams, M.H., ed. The Norton Anthology of English Literature. Vol. 1. New York: W.W. Norton & Co., 1962. 629.

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-on-Avon in April (probably April 23), 1564. His father was a citizen of some prominence who became an alderman and bailiff, but who later suffered financial reverses. Shakespeare presumably attended the Stratford grammar school, where he could have acquired a respectable knowledge of Latin, but he did not proceed to Oxford or Cambridge. There are legends about Shakespeare's youth but no documented facts.

Paraphrase:

William Shakespeare was born in 1564 in Stratford-on-Avon. His father was an affluent member of the community. At one time a well-known and respected alderman and bailiff, he later lost his financial security. Experts suspect that Shakespeare went to the Stratford grammar school where he probably obtained a command of the Latin language, however, since there are no documented facts about his childhood, scholars rely on rumors and stories believed to be historically accurate. They do know that he did not continue his education at Oxford or Cambridge (Abrams 629).

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- C. Follows the original passage too closely.
- D. All of the above
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