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## Plagiarism Homework

**A: Identifying Plagiarism: Explain how this is or is not plagiarism. Use text examples to support your answer.**

1. A student uses an internet article in researching her paper. She finds several of the ideas in the article useful, and develops them in her own paper. Since she does not quote from the text, she does not cite it in her paper, but she does put the reference in the bibliography.

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2. In researching a paper on Mary Kingsley, a student discovers that Kingsley was born in Islington in 1862. She didn't know this fact previously. However, every article she reads on Kingsley reports the same fact. She does not acknowledge the source of this information with a citation.

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3. You are taking a class that a friend has already taken. She lets you read her paper in order to get some ideas, and tells you to use any parts of the paper you find useful. You incorporate some of her paragraphs into your paper without citation.

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4. A friend offers to let you read his paper in order to get some ideas, and tells you to use any parts of the paper you find useful. You incorporate one of his paragraphs into your paper, and you are careful to include all of the citations from his paper in your work cited page, so that the reader will be able to find the original source of the information.

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5. A student finds a picture on the web that perfectly illustrates a point she wants to make in her paper. She downloads the picture, but does not use the analysis or the caption; in addition, she writes her own caption for the picture. Since the analysis and caption are her own, she does not include a citation for the picture.

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6. A student uses a data set collected by his teacher in his analysis of technology trends. Since he develops his own analysis, and since his teacher has not published the data, he does not include a citation for the data set.

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7. You find an interesting book on 18th century philosophers. You do not quote directly from the text, but you mention the author of the book as the source for this idea, and include a citation at the end of the paragraph.

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8. A student finds some interesting information on a website. She downloads several paragraphs and incorporates them into her paper, but doesn't cite them, because they are in the public and without an author.

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9. You are discussing your term paper with your professor. She gives you an interesting idea about how you might interpret some of the material you have been studying. Since the discussion was informal, and does not pertain to an area in which your professor intends you publish, you incorporate her suggestions without attribution.

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10. You find a very interesting quote from the book "Dr. Sues" about Sues's life written by Johnny Thomas. In your paper, you include the quote, and cite Dr. Sues as the source.

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**Explain what you have learned about plagiarism.**

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