The Types and Severity of Plagiarism Violations

Yes! If you couldn't answer "yes" to ***ALL*** of the questions to the right (even if you answered "yes" to all but one), then you are most likely in violation of plagiarism standards. Note that even the slightest of plagiarism infractions is serious. Even if you didn't mean to plagiarize or you weren't familiar with all plagiarism standards, you are held accountable. Lack of understanding or intent does not free you from serious penalty. However, not all plagiarism violations are treated with the same severity; some are certainly more severe than others. And repeated infractions, just like with the law, can cause harsher penalties. Follow the chart to the left and below to determine how you plargiarized and how serious it is.

How Serious Is It?

Did you ***steal, copy, or purchase another's entire document*** and take full credit for it being your own?

Yes / No

Did you ***copy large portions*** (entire paragraphs and sections) of another's work and not give full credit?

Yes / No

Did you ***cherry-pick a few terms and phrases to change*** but keep the rest of the text and ideas from another's work relatively unchanged without giving credit?

Yes / No

Did you ***duplicate (re-use) an entire work of your own*** for another purpose or publication and not cite yourself?

Yes / No

Did you ***reuse large portions of a work of your own*** for another purpose or publication and not cite yourself?

Yes / No

Did you ***paraphrase multiple sources and stitch them together***, making them sound like your own?

Yes / No

Did you cite a source that doesn't exist or did you make up what the source actually said?

Yes / No

Did you ***cite many sources correctly but not cite others*** at all?

Yes / No

Did you ***misinterpret or cite a source out of context***?

No / Yes

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Yes / No

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