

## PLAGIARISM

# Some Tips

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## What is Plagiarism?

**Plagiarism is using someone else's ideas and words and presenting them as your own.**

For example, copying information from a website, song, book or film, or quoting ideas from other sources without acknowledging the source in your work and reference list.

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## Why is Plagiarism Bad?

**Plagiarism is cheating, dishonest and unethical.** When you plagiarise someone else's work you are not developing skills and knowledge important for life.

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## How to Avoid Plagiarism?

- **Use your own words** when you are taking notes.
- **Do not cut and paste information** directly from the source.
- **Check the validity** of information by finding it in a number of sources.
- **When directly quoting somebody** else's work, use quotation marks and acknowledge the source with a citation.
- **Acknowledge photographs, songs, lyrics** with a caption citing their creator and source.
- **Cite your sources** throughout your work and in a reference list.

## What is a Reference List?

**A reference list or bibliography lists the sources of information used in the piece of work.** Information in a reference list includes the author's name, the title and the date it was published.

There can be different styles (such as APA) used for referencing, so make sure to check with the teacher.

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