

PLAGIARISM : The Basics

Plagiarism: Defined

Using but not giving credit to someone's

- Ideas
- Words or Quotes
- Opinions
- Research facts
- Music
- Art work : drawings/pictures/cartoons

Plagiarism: Specifics

- **Word for Word**
Treat as a quote using quotation marks.
- **Paraphrase**
A restatement or rewriting of author's ideas in your own words. Must be cited.
- **Summary**
Condensing original author's ideas to a more succinct statement. Must be cited.
- **Common Knowledge**
Does not need to be cited.

Also Considered Plagiarism or an Academic Honesty Violation:

- Handing in someone else's work as your own; such as a friend's or anything purchased from the Internet.
- Recycling your papers without the instructor's permission.

LPC Policy on Academic Dishonesty

[Student Conduct Code](#)

- Defines plagiarism
- Defines the disciplinary action
- Defines the rights of the student

[Academic Honesty Statement](#) / By LPC Faculty Senate

- Defines variations of plagiarism

Strategies to Avoid Plagiarism

- Keep detailed notes & outline.
- Keep several rough drafts or printouts that show your paper's progression. Remember that edits and re-writes are lost using today's software. This essentially wipes out your stages of topic development that reveal how you developed and wrote the content.
- Keep documentation or photocopies of all your sources, especially web sites.
- Use a system for labeling your ideas separately from your sources.
- Avoid cut and paste from Internet without using quotation marks or use a labeling system to keep the source content separate from your ideas until you have quoted, paraphrased or summarized the content and cited it.
- Use available resources: LPC Library, Writing Center, instructor
- Time management

Detection Service Used by LPC

- [Turnitin](#) / online detection system which will compare online sources and return a customized Originality Report

The screenshot shows a Turnitin Originality Report interface. At the top, it displays the Turnitin logo and the title 'My paper on plagiarism' by 'Test Student'. The report was processed on 05-15-08 at 0:09 AM PDT, with an ID of 39092804, a word count of 479, and 2 submissions. The similarity score is 64%. The report lists several matches with their respective percentages and source URLs:

Match Number	Match Percentage	Source
1	38%	Internet from 11/09/07 http://en.wikipedia.org
2	13%	Internet http://www.csail.mit.edu
3	11%	Internet from 09/25/07 http://en.wikipedia.org
+	2%	Internet from 10/26/03 http://www.usna94.com

The report also shows several segments of text from the student's paper that were highlighted in green, indicating matches with the sources listed. These segments include:

- Jerky is meat that has been cut into strips trimmed of fat, marinated in a spicy, salty or sweet liquid, and then dried with low heat (usually under 70°C/160°F) or occasionally salted and sun-dried. The result is a salty, stripped, semi-sweet snack that can be stored without refrigeration. Jerky is an early application of food preservation techniques. Mary (Missy) Cummings
- was one of the United States Navy's first female fighter pilots. She attended the United States Naval Academy, graduating with a B.S. in mathematics in 1900; she received her master's degree in Space Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in 1994 and her Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia in 2003.
- Dr. Cummings spent eleven years (1988-1999) as a naval officer and military pilot earning the rank of Lieutenant, and was one of the Navy's first female fighter pilots, flying an F/A-18 Hornet. She became a fighter pilot shortly after the Combat Exclusion Law was repealed in 1993 and her book, Hornet's Nest, recounts her experience with discrimination and hostility as one of