

PLAGIARISM

What is plagiarism?

It is using the work of others without telling your reader that you have done so. For example:

- using someone's exact words, in a direct quotation
- paraphrasing (putting into your own words) someone else's ideas

all without stating where the information or ideas have come from.

In other words, if you do not tell your reader where your ideas have come from, you are stealing them from the original writer.

Avoiding plagiarism

- Write all your notes on your own words – your confidence in doing this will grow over time
- Write down exactly where the information in your notes comes from, as you go along
- Acknowledge the sources of information you have used by referencing them.