

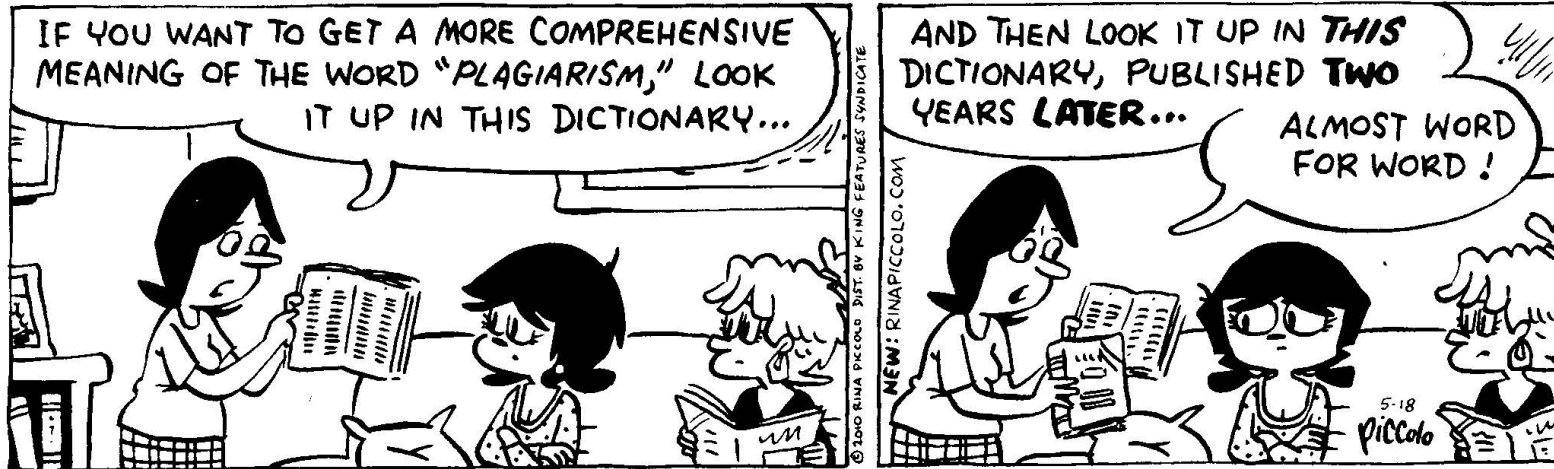
# **IGNORANCE IS NO EXCUSE: DON'T BE AN ACCIDENTAL PLAGIARIST**

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# What is Plagiarism?

TINA'S GROOVE



# What is Plagiarism?

- Latin for theft or kidnapping (Academic Skills Unit, n.d.)
  - “submitting or presenting work in a course as if that work were the student’s own, when, in fact, it was not” (AU Policy, para 3).

# Common Reasons Students Plagiarise

- Pressures of time
  - bouncing too many balls
  - waiting until the last minute (procrastination!)
- Fear of getting it wrong
  - Be confident – you made it this far!
  - Ask for help.
  - Find your voice.
    - e.g., thesis statement
- Ignorance

# What's Wrong with this "Paraphrase"?

My self has a delusion that one of these days even the empire of Mississippi, a territory boiling with the warmth of unfairness, overheating with the high temperature of domination, will be distorted into a waterhole of lack of restrictions and evenhandedness.

My self has a delusion that my four slight progeny will one day breathe in a domain where they will not be arbitrated by the hue of their epidermis but by the substance of their uprightness.

## Lesson 1: Synonyms Don't Cut it (Shirley, 2004)

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“I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.”

(Martin Luther King Jr., August 28, 1963)

# Words are important.

My self has a delusion that my four slight progeny will one day breathe in a domain where they will not be arbitrated by the hue of their epidermis but by the substance of their uprightness.

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

(Martin Luther King Jr., August 28, 1963)

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## Reversals

- in their teens and twenties, Trukese males engage in externalizing escapades on weekends , however; during the week they rarely drink or fight . (Arnett, 2007)

**“Although nearly all Trukese males in their teens and twenties engage in these activities, their externalizing escapades are limited to the weekends, and they rarely drink or fight during the week.” (Arnett, 2007, p. 429)**

## Deletions

- **All Trukese males engage in** externalizing escapades . These escapades involve drinking and fighting, however they tend to fight mostly on the weekends and not much during the week .

**“Although nearly all Trukese males in their teens and twenties engage in these activities, their externalizing escapades are limited to the weekends, and they rarely drink or fight during the week.” (Arnett, 2007, p. 429)**

Substitution

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Addition

Exact words

Exact word

The **majority of** Trukese males **participate** in fighting, drinking and other misguided behaviors but these behaviors occur on the weekend only. Although this behavior is common amongst males **in their teens** or **early** twenties it is not socially acceptable for them to participate in these **escapades** after the age of thirty.

**“Although nearly all Trukese males in their teens and twenties engage in these activities, their externalizing escapades are limited to the weekends, and they rarely drink or fight during the week.” (Arnett, 2007, p. 429)**

Think about the **meaning** of the following paraphrases.

- **Weekends** are the typical times **for Trukese males, in the teens to early twenties** range, to **drink or fight** as a way of **externalizing** the activities.
- Almost **all male Trukese's** adolescents and emerging adolescents **externalize** their drinking and fighting behaviors on **weekends**. It is rare for these **escapades** to occur on weekdays.

# Lesson 2: Words are Important, But it is Important to Think Beyond the Word.

- Summarize the meaning of the material using your own words.
  - Read it, cover it with your hands, & recite to naïve reader.
    - (Good way to study, too!)

# To Avoid Plagiarism

- Review the literature, but your own point of view.
- Include full citation in notes.

# Why is it Important to Cite?

- Give credit where credit is due (no theft).
- Allow reader to learn more from original source.
- Add credibility (how do you know I didn't make this up?)

# Lesson 3: Citations are Necessary

- Electronic communication could never replace face-to-face meetings.

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- “In the literature on virtual groups, some have objected that **electronic communication could never replace face-to-face meetings** or the casual encounters that people have when they share a place of work. **Ratcheva and Vyakarnam (2001)** claim that when meetings are held via computer there are fewer exchanges of information and it takes longer to make decisions compared to in-person meetings. This may be partly due to the lack of non-verbal cues (**Olson & Olson, 2000, Ratcheva & Vyakarnam, 2001, Stokols *et al.*, 2008**).” (Kier, Park, & Jugdev, 2013, p. 4)



# Citations are Necessary, but not Sufficient

## Exact Words

- Most teenage and early **twenties Trukese males engage in externalizing episodes** such as **drink and fight** on **the weekend** but this type of behavior is quite rare **during the week** (Gilmore, 1990; as cited in Arnett, 2007).

# To Avoid Plagiarism

- A citation does not mean that a passage taken word for word is a good paraphrase!
- ONLY if the original just can't be expressed any other way should you quote EXACTLY.
  - NOT because you don't understand the sentence!
    - Use quotation marks
    - Include page number

# Lesson 4: Use Quotation Marks When Quoting.

- (That's what they're for! Hence the name.)

# To Avoid Plagiarism

- Acknowledge the source of any ideas, facts, arguments that don't come out of your own head.
  - Cite in body of paper
- **\*AND\***
- Include in reference list
  - “Common knowledge” an exception

# To Avoid Plagiarism

- Think about what you're reading and what it means to you.
- Make use of resources
  - AU's Write Site
  - Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab)  
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>
  - Your instructors

# Not Just Undergraduates

	SCENARIO 3		
Option	<p>“One thing that all Canadians are supposed to have is universal access to health care and to quality primary and secondary education. Unfortunately, the last few government cutbacks to social programs have undermined the universality of access to these social programs, at least for the lower of these three strata of society.”</p> <p>The above quotation was taken from Phillips (2003, p. 2). Phillips, P. (2003). Inside capitalism: An introduction to political economy. Winnipeg, MB, CAN: Fernwood Publishing. Retrieved from <a href="http://site.ebrary.com/lib/athabasca/Doc?id=10192216&amp;ppg=9">http://site.ebrary.com/lib/athabasca/Doc?id=10192216&amp;ppg=9</a></p> <p>Which of the following is a good paraphrase of the quotation?</p>	N chosen (%) under-grads	N chosen (%) grads
a	<b>Although an important aspect to Canadians is universal health care and good quality education, recent government cuts have meant that these are “universal” only to the rich (Phillips, 2003).</b>	<b>62.5 (50%)</b>	<b>56.65 (55%)</b>
b	For the lower strata of society, government cutbacks to social programs have undermined the universality of access. This is despite the fact that one thing all Canadians are supposed to have is universal access to health care and to quality education (Phillips, 2003).	41.25 (33%)	32.96 (32%)
c	One thing that all Canadians are supposed to have is universal access to health care and quality education. Unfortunately, government cuts to social programs have undermined this, at least for the lower of the three strata of society (Phillips, 2003, p.2).	17.5 (14%)	13.39 (13%)
d	All Canadians are supposed to have universal access to health care. They are also supposed to have access to quality primary and secondary education. It's a shame, but the last few government cutbacks have been to social programs which have undermined the universality of access, at least for the lower of the three strata of society	3.75 (3%)	1.03 (1%)

# Not Just Undergraduates (Stephenson, 2012)

- “A weekly newspaper in Chestermere has been suspended from the Alberta Weekly Newspapers Association (AWNA) after its editor-publisher admitted he had committed plagiarism.
- Steve Jeffrey, who resigned in March as editor-publisher of the Anchor Weekly, made a submission before a special hearing of the AWWNA board last week.
- According to the AWWNA, an organization made up of 118 community newspapers throughout Alberta and the Northwest Territories, Jeffrey told the board that when he presented other writers' work as his own, it was because he ‘got lazy and ran out of time.’”

# Moral of the Story

- Don't get lazy and run out of time. (Lesson 5)



# Melania Trump – Did She or Didn't She? Only her Speech Writer Knows for Sure.

The screenshot shows a CNN article titled "No one to be fired after Me..." with a URL of [www.cnn.com/2016/07/19/politics/melania-trump-michelle-obama-speech/](http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/19/politics/melania-trump-michelle-obama-speech/). The article compares two speeches side-by-side.

Michelle Obama 2008	Melania Trump 2016
"And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: that you work hard for what you want in life; that your word is your bond and you do what you say you're going to do; that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them, and even if you don't agree with them."	"From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily lives. That is a lesson that I continue to pass along to our son,"
And Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values, and to pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."	And we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

Highlighted portions appear in both speeches

Former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski said Tuesday that whoever

<http://www.cnn.com/2016/07/19/politics/melania-trump-michelle-obama-speech/>

# Can I Plagiarise Myself?

- For academic journals, self-plagiarism involves copying and pasting previous published work (e.g., Introduction section).
  - Controversial
- For students, submitting completed paper to new course.
  - Why?

# Turnitin

- Pattern matching tool – not plagiarism detection device.
- Use still controversial.
  - Doesn't reflect intention (Terry, 2007).
  - Could use as self-teaching tool?

# Potential Penalties for Plagiarism

- Application for admission revoked
- Lower grade or zero on assignment (maybe allowed to resubmit)
- Grade lowered or F given for course (maybe allowed to resubmit)
  - Resubmit paper or re-take course?
- Suspended (6-24 months)
- Expelled
- Course grade changed to F (if already completed).
- Degree taken away

# Summary: Lessons

- Lesson 1: Synonyms don't cut it; (Shirley, 2004)
- Lesson 2: Words are important, but it is important to think beyond the word
- Lesson 3: Citations are necessary (but not sufficient).
- Lesson 4: Use quotation marks when quoting.
- Lesson 5: Don't get lazy and run out of time.

# Thank You

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- One new thing?

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