

Task Title: Understanding Plagiarism When Writing

# OALCF Cover Sheet – Practitioner Copy

**Learner Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **Goal Path:** | Employment | Apprenticeship |
| Secondary School | Post Secondary | Independence |

**Successful Completion:**  Yes No

**Task Description:** The learner will watch a short video and answer questions about avoiding plagiarism.

**Main Competency/Task Group/Level Indicator:**

* Find and Use Information/Extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations/A3

**Materials Required:**

* Pen/pencil and paper
* Computer or digital device

# Learner Information

Understanding what constitutes plagiarism is essential for college and university students. It is important to learn how to identify and avoid plagiarism when writing and submitting post-secondary assignments.

Watch the video “Negotiating the Plagiarism Maze” (7:09):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzpPOK16-io&t=2s>

# Work Sheet

**Task 1: How is plagiarism defined?**

Answer:

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**Task 2: List the two responsibilities a writer has to ensure they avoid plagiarism.**

Answer:

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**Task 3: Explain why paraphrasing still requires citing the original source.**

Answer:

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**Task 4: Explain self-plagiarism and list two examples given in the video.**

Answer:

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**Task 5: List three things that can help a writer avoid accidental plagiarism.**

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# Answers

**Task 1: How is plagiarism defined?**

Answer: Plagiarism occurs when a writer deliberately uses someone else’s language, ideas, or other original materials without acknowledging the source.

**Task 2: List the two responsibilities a writer has to ensure they avoid plagiarism.**

Answer: It is the writer’s responsibility to

* acknowledge other people’s ideas that you use in your work; and
* to do so with the conventions of whichever citation system you’ve been asked to use

**Task 3: Explain why paraphrasing still requires citing the original source.**

Answer: Putting someone else’s ideas into your own words doesn’t make them your ideas. The original author of the idea still needs to be credited when you incorporate these ideas into something you are writing.

**Task 4: Explain self-plagiarism and list two examples given in the video.**

Answer: Self-plagiarism is recycling your own work. This could be submitting the same paper for multiple classes, or submitting work you had previously submitted but pretending you recently wrote it.

**Task 5: List three things that can help a writer avoid accidental plagiarism.**

Answer: Any three of

* develop good note-taking practices
* add a quick citation to your quotations whenever you add them to your paper
* create an annotated bibliography
* try free online tools that can help you organize your research sources

# Performance Descriptors

| Levels | Performance Descriptors | Needs Work | Completes task with support from practitioner | Completes task independently |
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| A3 | extract info from films, broadcasts and presentations |  |  |  |

This task: Was successfully completed Needs to be tried again

Learner Comments:

Instructor (print): Learner (print):

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