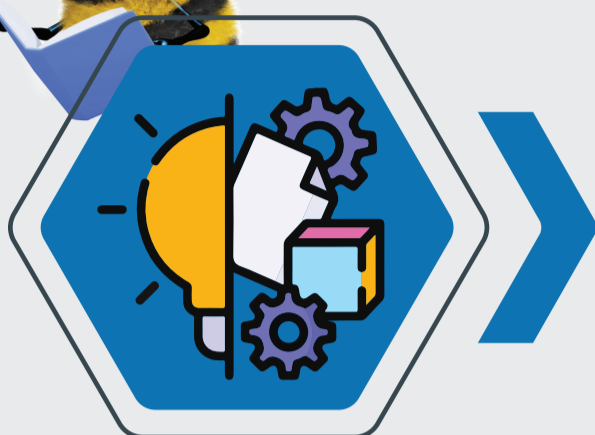


The danger of plagiarism & how to tackle assignments



Did you know?

Plagiarism is **like theft**... it is **unethical** and **dishonest**.



It means that you have **stolen** (or used) someone's words and ideas **without giving them recognition**. This occurs when you:

use someone's work word for word **without referencing** them;

copy your friend's work and **submit it as your own**.

How should you go about doing your assignments so that you can avoid plagiarism and academic dishonesty?



REFERENCE

The original words and ideas of authors can be referenced using **direct quotes** in your assignment. You must also include a **reference list** at the end of your assignment.



PARAPHRASE

Take the original words and ideas and **rewrite them in your own way**. Even though you use your own words, you should still give **recognition** to the author's ideas by **citing** them.



SUMMARISE

This is similar to **paraphrasing**, but more condensed. You also use your **own words** to bring across an idea or meaning expressed by an author. Again, it is important to **cite** the authors.

HOW TO AVOID



PLAGIARISM

Use the North-West University library website to familiarise yourself with **Referella**, the Cinderella of referencing! She provides insightful explanations and useful tips on how to reference. Her advice is user-friendly and will keep you out of the danger zone of committing plagiarism.



The NWU takes academic dishonesty and plagiarism **very seriously!**

There is an institutional disciplinary committee where all cases are reported to. Students found guilty can be **expelled** or **other serious interventions** will be entered into. Students will get a **bad reputation** that could have **lasting effects** for their future careers.