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Avoiding Plagiarism

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What is plagiarism?

Terminology:

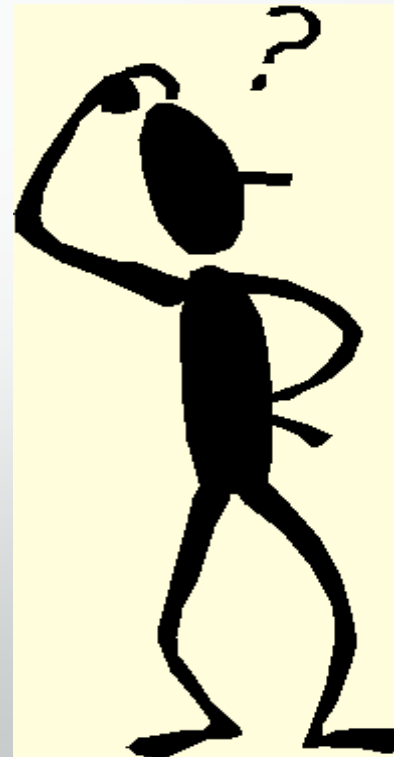
- The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.
- Originated from a Latin word *plagiarius* which means 'kidnapper'.

(Oxford Dictionaries Online)



What is plagiarism?

Give a few examples of plagiarism that you know.



Types of Plagiarism

Intentional

- Copying and pasting parts of or a whole webpage to submit as own.
- Downloading a paper from a paper mill.
- Ordering a paper from a paper mill.
- Sharing a paper via email.
- Using another person's paper as own.

(Mundava & Garrett, 2005)

Unintentional

- Paraphrasing a source without citing it.
- Failure to include works cited or a reference page.
- Patchwork plagiarism; taking the ideas of other writers and patching them together as your own.

Examples of Plagiarism

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- If lawyers' language is far from being understandable by the averagely competent speaker of ordinary language, one would wonder how novices in the study of law would be able to obtain a good grasp of the legal studies, what more when they are reading the law in an L2 situation. This bewilderment provides a strong justification for this research to be performed.
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How to Avoid It

- Acknowledge the sources which you took the information from
- Give credit where credit is due
- Use proper citation techniques:
 - Quotation
 - Paraphrase
 - Summarise
 - Synthesise

Method 1

- Short quotation
- ESL reading has often become an uphill task to L2 learners (as compared to their L1 counterparts) especially in the specialized disciplines, or better known as English for Specific Purposes (ESP), where the demand for comprehensibility is paramount. Compounding this language problem is the fact that learners are seriously handicapped in terms of their inability “to read a vast amount of material within a limited time, and their inability to use proper reading strategies, such as being unable to identify main points” (Sargunam & Nambiar, 1994, p.107).

Method 2

- Long quotation

The complexity of the language is further highlighted by **Bhatia (1993)**, in his explication of legal language from the linguistics perspective, who states that the language:

encompasses several usefully distinguishable genres depending upon the communicative purposes they tend to fulfill, the settings or contents in which they are used, the communicative events or activities they are associated with, the social or professional relationship between the participants taking part in such activities or events, the background knowledge that such participants bring to the situation in which that particular event is embedded and a number of other factors (p.101)

Method 3

- Paraphrase
- The Malaysian system of government which is parliamentary democracy was modeled after the British Westminster while constitutional monarchy was inherited from the United Kingdom ([Wan Arfah, 2009](#)).

Method 4

- Synthesis
- Prior to the establishment of the British Common Law in 1786, the Straits Settlements or the Malay Peninsula (so-called at that time) was governed according to the Malay *adat* law, which had some influence of Hinduism, Buddhism and Islam; and the customary laws of the different races (Sh. Suhanah, 2007; Wan Arfah, 2009).

Conclusion

As Muslims, doing research is part of our ibadah. If we truly embrace this notion, we do not need 'Turnitin' to check our work because our **Iman** can do the job better.

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Thank you!

