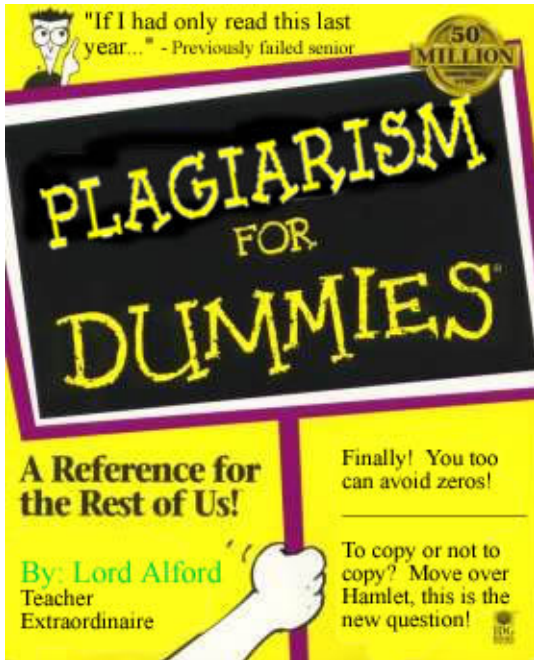


# Plagiarism



What is plagiarism? I can't even spell it!

Well, according to Hutchinson's Dictionary of Difficult Words, plagiarism is, "copying another's words, ideas, etc., and publishing them as one's own."

Make sure you understand that includes words AND ideas.

Obviously, if one were to buy a paper off the internet at any number of term paper sites (and if you get a free one, you get what you

pay for), that is obviously plagiarizing (no, paying for the paper does mean you bought the rights to use it as your own)!

If you copy someone's words without parenthetical documentation, that is plagiarizing - with or without quotation marks.

If you copy someone's words with parenthetical documentation but without quotation marks, that is plagiarizing.

If you use someone's ideas or information and do not put parenthetical documentation with it, that is plagiarizing.

Lots of ways to plagiarize. Be careful. The penalty for plagiarizing on your research paper is a zero for BOTH grades! This includes:

- getting a paper from someone else (internet, brother, etc.),
- getting someone to write your paper for you,
- whether or not you intended to copy the information,
- cutting and pasting off the internet,
- copying only a few places in the paper, and
- using the wording (not just a whole sentence).

Make sure when you copy your notes that you put it into your own words! Also, do not worry about taking notes in complete sentences. These two tips will help you to avoid accidental copying.