

## Definition of Plagiarism

Plagiarism is the act of falsely representing someone else's work or ideas as your own. Acts of plagiarism in writing include:

- Cutting and pasting from articles on the Internet and not including quotation marks and citations acknowledging the source
- Copying an author's language word-for-word and not including quotation marks and citations
- Paraphrasing an author's ideas without including citations that give the author credit
- Summarizing an author's argument and not including a citation

## Consequences of Plagiarism

Accusations of plagiarism are taken very seriously and may result in a grade reduction or expulsion from the university

### Note

For examples on how to correctly include sources, see the other "Incorporating Sources" handouts.

## Plagiarizing through a Direct Quotation

Copying a text word-for-word without including:

1. Quotation marks
2. Citations

## Original Text

In her article "Pizza is a Healthy Choice, Believe It or Not," Alicia Jalowsky, a researcher at the Institute of Nutrition Studies, wrote the following paragraph:

Pizza, a dish of Italian origin consisting of a flat, round base of dough baked with a topping of tomato sauce, cheese, and added meat or vegetables, can be considered a wholesome and nutritious dietary supplement that contributes to a balanced diet because its ingredients include grains, vegetables, dairy, meat, and fruit – all the major food groups, except sweets.

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*Quotation marks are missing*

Contrary to popular belief, pizza is a wholesome and nutritious dietary supplement that contributes to a balanced diet because its ingredients include grains, vegetables, dairy, meat, and fruit – all the major food groups, except sweets.

*Citation is missing*

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Contrary to popular belief, nutritionist **Alicia Jalowsky** argues that pizza is "a wholesome and nutritious dietary supplement that contributes to a balanced diet because its ingredients include grains, vegetables, dairy, meat, and fruit – all the major food groups, except sweets" (13).

**Plagiarizing through a Paraphrase**

- Directly copying select phrases of text
- Copying the sentence structure of text
- Deleting some words, altering grammatical structures, or plugging in one-for-one synonym substitutes
- Omitting citations at the end of the paraphrase

**Original Text**

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Pizza, a dish of Italian origin consisting of a flat, round base of dough baked with a topping of tomato sauce, cheese, and added meat or vegetables, can be considered a wholesome and nutritious dietary supplement that contributes to a balanced diet because its ingredients include grains, vegetables, dairy, meat, and fruit – all the major food groups, except sweets.

<p><b>X</b></p> <p><i>Sentence structure is too similar to the original</i></p> <p><u>Alicia Jalowsky argues that pizza, which is a flat, round base of dough baked with tomato sauce and cheese and added meat or vegetables can be a healthy and nutritious dietary supplement because it consists of grains, vegetables, dairy, meat and fruit – all the major food groups, except sweets.</u></p> <p><i>Citation is missing</i></p>	<p><b>✓</b></p> <p>Alicia Jalowsky argues that pizza is part of a healthy and balanced diet. Its ingredients, which include dough, tomato sauce, cheese and sometimes meat or vegetables contains almost all major food groups except for sugar, making it a nutritious meal <b>(Jalowsky 13)</b>.</p>
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**Plagiarizing through a Summary**

Using your own words to condense the main ideas without including a citation

<p><b>X</b></p> <p><u>Since the ingredients in pizza consist of almost all of the major food groups, it can be considered a nutritious meal.</u></p> <p><i>Citation is missing</i></p>	<p><b>✓</b></p> <p>Since the ingredients in pizza consist of almost all of the major food groups, it can be considered a nutritious meal <b>(Jalowsky 13)</b>.</p>
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