

## Plagiarism: using other people's work without giving credit.

**Plagiarism is dishonest.**

**You must give credit for other people's work:**

**Ideas**

**Facts: figures, tables, data, maps, etc.**

**Words**

**When in doubt, cite your source.**

### **How to Avoid Plagiarism:**

Be careful when taking notes.

Use quotes when copying sentences.

Record complete citation information (authors, date, title, journal, publisher, pages, etc.).

Paraphrase: Use your own words.

**Cite**

**Rewrite (use different words)**

**Rearrange (use different sentence structure)**

### **Examples:**

Original: "One of the most sinister features of DDT and related chemicals is the way they are passed on from one organism to another through all the links of the food chain" (Rachel Carson. 1962. Silent Spring. Houghton Mifflin Company: Boston. p. 22.).

1) "One of the most sinister features of DDT and related chemicals is the way they are passed on from one organism to another through all the links of the food chain" (Carson 1962).

This is a quote. It has quotation marks and a citation. Quotes must be exact (even including misspellings). Scientific writing rarely uses quotes, mainly because paraphrases demonstrate your understanding of the original.

2) One of the most sinister features of DDT and related chemicals is the way they are passed on from one organism to another through all the links of the food chain.

This is plagiarism. It is the same as the original. There are no quotation marks and no citation.

3) One of the most sinister features of DDT and related chemicals is the way they are passed on from one organism to another through all the links of the food chain (Carson 1962).

This is plagiarism. It is the same as the original. There are no quotation marks.

4) One of the worst things about DDT and other chemicals is that they are passed on from one organism to another through the entire food chain (Carson 1962).

This is plagiarism. Only a few words are changed.

5) Chemicals like DDT can move through the food chain, making them especially dangerous (Carson 1962).

This is an acceptable paraphrase. The meaning is essentially the same. It cites the author.