

Plagiarism

[Concept]

- Who has the text?---Copy right or Copy left?
- Plagiarism in academia---serious offense
- Various definitions of plagiarism
 - phrases (e.g., more than 3 words)
 - contents
 - style and format
- Detecting plagiarism

[How to avoid plagiarism]

- When using information from someone's text, attribute the author (acknowledge who wrote what).
- Use quotation marks to cite sources.
- To explain what is written in a text, generalize or paraphrase it.
- Don't copy more than three consecutive words from the text.

[Summarization for learning]

- If you can't avoid plagiarism (especially when it is difficult for you to paraphrase or generalize sentences), it is fine to cut and copy phrases at first. Language learning always starts with mimicking, so this is also a good learning opportunity for you.
- As you practice summarizing, however, you may want to learn some techniques to avoid plagiarism.