

For each of the following examples, identify if you think it is plagiarism and comment on what the next steps should be (there might be some next steps even if you don't think plagiarism is involved)

1. A business college dean copies and posts on his school's website a welcome message from another university's website and signs his name at the bottom.

Is this plagiarism?

Next steps:

2. In a class lecture, a literature professor presents several published and unpublished scholars' interpretations of Willa Cather's novel *My Antonia* without acknowledging the scholars' names or sources.

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3. In her highly popular published books, a historian reproduces blocks of text from other sources. The sources are named in the bibliography and occasionally in footnotes, but quotation marks are not used and several instances of the borrowed passages are not acknowledged.

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4. In a master's thesis that has defended and signed by the committee, a graduate student reproduces pages of text from unpublished archival material. The author of the unpublished material is thanked in the acknowledgements but not identified in footnotes, in the bibliography, or anywhere in the text.

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5. In a take-home exam, a student copies paragraph-length definitions of technical terms from Internet sources without use of quotation marks. The sources are listed at the end of the exam.

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6. For an in-class exam that includes questions asking for short answer explanations of technical material, a student reproduces memorized passages from the class textbook.

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7. For a book review assignment, one student asks to read the draft of another student's review and then borrows very closely the structure of the argument, including reproducing some sentence patterns and the order of paragraphs. The two students are reviewing different books in their papers.

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8. Prior to writing their biology lab reports, a group of students get together to discuss the results of their various experiments and also how to write the reports. They then write separate lab reports.

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9. A professor teaching a new class for the first time reproduces the previous professor's syllabus, replacing only the name, contact information, and office hours.

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10. In a convocation speech to incoming students, a university president presents commentary about several books without attributing his sources: reviewers' comments on amazon.com.

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11. In an eight-page research paper submitted for a grade, a student acknowledges all sources in parenthetical citations and in the works cited page but provides few quotation marks, choosing instead to replace a few words here and there in otherwise quoted material.

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12. In a draft of a paper that a student gives to her sociology instructor for feedback, a student copies several passages from sources without providing lead-in explanations or quotations marks.

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These examples have been derived from the following sources:

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