Using the Work of Others: Getting Ideas into Your Papers while Avoiding Plagiarism
Using the Work of Others:
Recognizing plagiarism
Types of plagiarism
Checklist for avoiding plagiarism
Summarizing
Paraphrasing
Direct quotations
Combination of above

Agenda
Summarizing is distilling a passage or text to its main points, in your own words. A summary should state the main ideas in a passage using as few words as possible. Use summary to digest the core of what a writer is saying, without examples or evidence.
Summarizing


The S.U.V. boom represents, then, a shift in how we conceive of safety— from active to passive. It’s what happens when a larger number of drivers conclude, consciously or otherwise, that the extra thirty feet that the TrailBlazer takes to come to a stop don’t really matter, that the tractor-trailer will hit them anyway, and that they are better off treating accidents as inevitable rather than avoidable.

The popularity of SUVs indicates a change in how we approach keeping ourselves safe. Being safe is no longer a proactive activity, but instead a defensive response to the unavoidable.
Paraphrasing

- Paraphrasing is a close restatement of the author’s “original presentation,” in your own words.
- Paraphrase is most useful when you want to follow an author’s thinking or reasoning without directly quoting.
- Read passage several times to understand it.
- Restate in your own words and sentence structure. Select what is pertinent and restate.
- Don’t distort original meaning of text!
Paraphrasing

In Europe and Japan, people think of a safe car as a nimble car.

Paraphrase

In other parts of the world, safety and maneuverability are synonymous.

In the history of the automotive industry, few things have been quite as unexpected as the rise of the S.U.V.

Paraphrase

The S.U.V.’s ascent is one of the more surprising events in the car industry's nearly 130 years.
Use direct quotation only when the exact words of the original are important. In papers analyzing primary sources such as literary works, you will use it extensively.

Tests (when original satisfies one of following)
Language is unusually vivid, bold or inventive
Quotation cannot be paraphrased without distortion of meaning or loss of meaning.
Words themselves are at issue in your interpretation
Quotation is a graph, diagram, or table.

Direct Quotation
Learned helplessness is now thought to play a role in such phenomena as depression and the failure of battered women to leave their husbands, but one could easily apply it more widely. We live in an age, after all, that is strangely fixated on the idea of helplessness: we’re fascinated by hurricanes and terrorist acts and epidemics like SARS—situations in which we feel powerless to affect our own destiny.

Gladwell reminds us that the concept of learned helplessness is used to help answer difficult questions, such as why people don't leave abusive relationships. However, he also suggests it can be used in a broader context: "We live in an age, after all, that is strangely fixated on the idea of helplessness: we’re fascinated by hurricanes and terrorist acts and epidemics like SARS—situations in which we feel powerless to affect our own destiny."
Compare each attempt to quote or paraphrase the passage.
Which, if any are plagiarized, inaccurate, or both, and which are acceptable?
Why?

Recognizing Plagiarism Exercise
Copying a phrase, sentence, or longer passage from a source and passing it off as your own

Summarizing or paraphrasing someone else's ideas without acknowledging your debt

Handing in a paper you bought, had a friend write, or copied from another student

**Types of Plagiarism:**

**Deliberate Plagiarism**