

UNIT 2 >>> ICT – Plagiarism

1 Vocabulary

a Do you know what *plagiarism* means? Choose from definitions 1–3 below. Then go to <http://www.macmillandictionary.com> and check your answer.

- 1 creating work, ideas or words of your own
- 2 using the Internet for research and to find information help you prepare your own work
- 3 taking another person's work, ideas or words and using them as if they were your own

b Complete the definition of *intellectual property (IP)* with the words in the box. Check your answer at <http://www.macmillandictionary.com>.

copy created legally

something that someone has (1)
or invented and that no-one else is
(2) allowed to make,
(3) or sell

2 Pre-reading

a Work in pairs. Which of these things have you ever done to help you with your school work? Tick (✓) the boxes.

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| ▪ Use the internet to find information | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ Copy text from a book | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Copy work from your friends | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ Use pictures from the internet and say you drew them | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Cut and paste text from the internet | <input type="checkbox"/> | ▪ Use text from another source, but change a few words | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ▪ Use books to find information | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| ▪ Take ideas from a book or website | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

b Which of the things above do you think are plagiarism? Find out. Use websites like this to help you: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/dida/managing_projects/copyrightrev3.shtml

3 Reading

Read the text. Then find information from the internet to complete the *Avoiding plagiarism tips*. Use websites like this to help you:

https://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/QPA_plagiarism.html

It is now possible to find the answer to almost any question at the click of a mouse; the internet is like having the biggest library in the world at your fingertips!

But all that information on the web belongs to someone. It has been created by someone and the text, images and ideas are someone's intellectual property. So, while the internet has made it easy to get hold of information, it's also made it easy to copy it. But ... the fact remains that using and presenting someone else's work as your own is plagiarism.

Plagiarism isn't allowed at school or college. It's considered to be cheating, so it's important to understand how to avoid accidentally doing it. Many universities now use computer programs that can scan a student's work and

detect plagiarism, which means that those who plagiarise, accidentally or otherwise, are more likely than ever to be caught.

AVOIDING PLAGIARISM TIPS

- If you quote someone else's words,
- Don't cut and
- If you quote someone's ideas,
- Supply a bibliography with your work. A bibliography is
- You don't need to provide a source for common knowledge. This is information that

GO BEYOND

4 How to write a bibliography tips

Write tips on how to write a bibliography and acknowledge your sources. Research on the internet. Then prepare to present your tips to the class. Use websites like this to help you: http://www.gcse.com/coursework_references.htm