Plagiarism and how to avoid it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngKGGoqFKTI>

Plagiarism can happen three different ways:

1. **The student does not know that he or she has to cite the source.**
2. **The student has cited the source incorrectly.**
3. **The student has deliberately decided to claim the information as his or her own.**

Deliberate plagiarism includes:

* **Buying a paper off of the Internet and turning it in as your own work.**
* **Copying and pasting phrases directly from your source without quotations and/or citation.**
* **Taking ideas from a source without giving credit.**
* **Taking graphs, tables, or pictures from a source without giving credit to the source.**
* **Having your parents, friends, tutor, or anyone else write all or part of your paper for you.**



“What Is Plagiarism?" *KidsHealth*. Ed. Steven Dowshen. The Nemours Foundation, 01 Sept. 2014. Web. 15 Feb. 2016.

**Common Knowledge**

**There are three types of common knowledge:**

1. **An easily observable fact:**
* The sun comes up in the morning.
* If you don’t water a plant, it will die.
* Honey is sticky.
1. **A commonly reported fact:**
* On September 11, 2001 the twin towers were destroyed.
* The Titanic sank.
* The earth is round and has seven continents and five oceans.
1. **A common saying or proverb**
* Treat others as you would like to be treated.
* Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.

Rules of citation for common knowledge:

* If you are not 100% certain if it is common knowledge… **Cite it**
* Are you getting you common knowledge from a reference source (ex: encyclopedia or dictionary? **Cite it**
* Are you using a specific phrase that contains common knowledge? **Cite it**
* Is the common knowledge being interpreted? **Cite it**
* Do other sources disagree with the common knowledge? **Cite it**
* Is there any chance that this common knowledge is not true? **Cite it**
* **Don’t assume that it is common knowledge just because several places have it.**

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