

# Plagiarism: The Crime of Intellectual Kidnapping

Tutorial Summary  
2005 Fall - 2012 Spring

## OVERALL SCORES

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From 2005 to 2012, PreQuiz scores went up 3.7% and Quiz Scores went up 6.7%. The average PreQuiz score was 82% and the average Quiz score was 76.5%. A detailed explanation of the scores is below.

The lowest average score was 71% (Quiz) and the highest average score was 84.9% (PreQuiz). For more information, see QUIZ TOTAL SCORES.

## INDIVIDUAL QUESTION SCORES

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### Highest Scoring

Students best understood questions that corresponded to the following objectives:

- demonstrates an understanding of the penalties for plagiarism
- demonstrates an understanding of why, how and when to use direct quotes
- recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism
- recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation

### PreQuiz

Over 8 of the 12 possible questions saw scores 75% and above. There were 4 questions for which scores were 93% or higher at least 4 semesters (highlighted in green). For more information, see PREQUIZ QUESTION SCORES\_High.

Q#	Question	Objective
2	You can be expelled from school if you plagiarize:	demonstrates an understanding of the penalties for plagiarism
6	You do not need quotation marks when using a direct quote in your paper.	demonstrates an understanding of why, how and when to use direct quotes
8	The author's name, title of the article and journal or book, and page numbers should all be included in a citation.	recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation
9	You do NOT need to cite:	recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation

## Quiz

Over 10 of the 15 possible questions saw scores 75% and above. There were 6 questions for which scores were 93% or higher at least 4 semesters (highlighted in green). For more information, see QUIZ QUESTION SCORES\_High.

Q#	Question	Objective
1	Which of the following IS considered plagiarism?	recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism; recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation
7	Which of the following defines plagiarism?	recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism
8	Which of the following is considered a penalty for plagiarism at Austin Peay State University?	demonstrates an understanding of the penalties for plagiarism
11	Under certain circumstances it is acceptable to buy or borrow a paper and turn it in as your own.	recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism
12	Which of the following does NOT need to be cited?	recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation
13	Which of the following is NOT part of a citation?	recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation

## Lowest Scoring

Students least understood questions that corresponded to the following objectives:

- demonstrates an understanding of why, how and when to use direct quotes
- **demonstrates an understanding of paraphrasing, how to paraphrase, and when it is appropriate to paraphrase**
- recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism
- recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation

Specificity of the question had the most impact on student quiz question responses. Unique to the low scoring questions was a difficulty grasping paraphrasing all around (highlighted in **bold**).

Students did poorer on the Quiz because it had two paraphrasing application questions (#14 [37.5% AVG] and #15 [30.1% AVG]) while the PreQuiz only asked if students could understand the concept of paraphrasing (#5 [74.3% AVG] and #7 [59.1% AVG]), which students also had difficulty in grasping. Librarians and APSU 1000 instructors can use paraphrasing exercises that have been adapted to help students better understand paraphrasing concepts and practice paraphrasing passages.

## PreQuiz

One third, or 4 questions, of the 12 possible questions saw scores below 75%, each more than 4 semesters out of the ten semesters for which there was score data. For more information, see PREQUIZ QUESTION SCORES\_Low.

Q#	Question	Objective
4	It might be plagiarism to submit a paper you wrote to two different classes.	recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism
5	Paraphrasing is	<b>demonstrates an understanding of paraphrasing, how to paraphrase, and when it is appropriate to paraphrase</b>
7	When paraphrasing you should follow the original passage closely and replace certain words to better support your ideas.	<b>demonstrates an understanding of paraphrasing, how to paraphrase, and when it is appropriate to paraphrase</b>
11	Copying passages from an article online is:	recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism; recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation

## Quiz

One third, or 5 questions, of the 15 possible questions saw scores below 75%, each more than 4 semesters out of the ten semesters for which there was score data. Scores for 4 questions were below 65% for all semesters, going as low as 20% and as high as 61.6%. For more information, see QUIZ QUESTION SCORES\_Low.

Q#	Question	Objective
3	Which of the following is not considered plagiarism?	recognizes actions which constitute plagiarism
9	Which of the following do you NOT need to cite?	recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation
10	When is it best to use direct quotes and paraphrases?	<b>demonstrates an understanding of paraphrasing, how to paraphrase, and when it is appropriate to paraphrase;</b> demonstrates an understanding of why, how and when to use direct quotes
14	What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase?	recognizes when it is appropriate to cite another person's work and what elements are part of a citation; <b>demonstrates an understanding of paraphrasing, how to paraphrase, and when it is appropriate to paraphrase;</b> demonstrates an understanding of why, how and when to use direct quotes
15	What, if anything, is wrong with the following paraphrase?	<b>demonstrates an understanding of paraphrasing, how to paraphrase, and when it is appropriate to paraphrase</b>