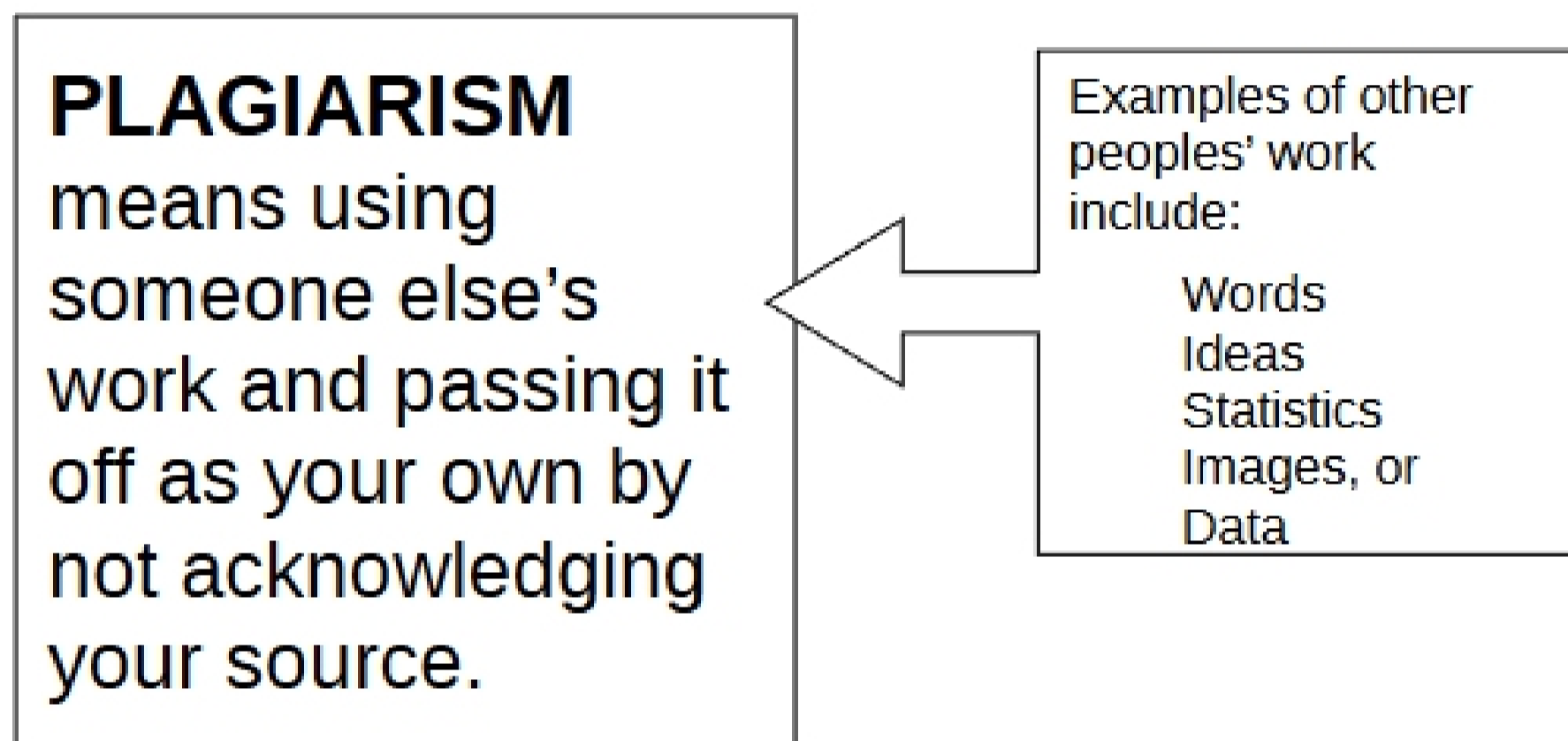




Academic Integrity: Avoiding Plagiarism MLA Format

One of the most common and unintentional violations of academic integrity is plagiarism.



It is acceptable and common practice to present other authors' ideas in your work. None of us can be original all of the time, and it lends credibility when you integrate other scholars' ideas into your work. The key is to do this properly!

To avoid plagiarism when borrowing from another source, follow these rules on paraphrasing, quoting, and citing.

Rule 1

Paraphrase your source

Rule 2

Quote your source

Rule 3

Give credit to your source

Rule 1: Paraphrase your Source

One common way to incorporate others' ideas is to paraphrase. Paraphrasing is restating ideas from an original source using your own voice and giving credit to the original source.

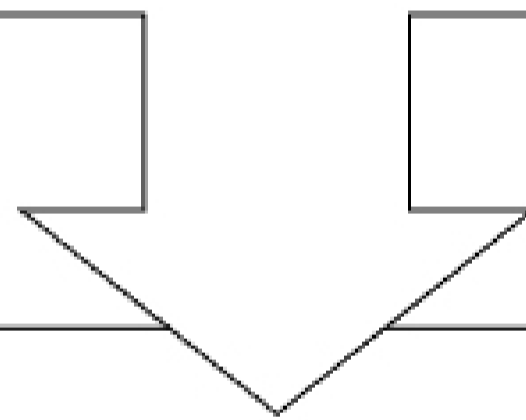
For an example of acceptable paraphrasing, see below.

Original Source

Bornstein, David. How to change the world. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.

Original Paragraph

It has been said that there is no limit to what you can achieve if you don't care who gets the credit. For entrepreneurs, a willingness to share credit lies along the "critical path" to success, simply because the more credit they share, the more people typically will want to help them. But this quality, like willingness to self-correct, also grows out of motivation. If an entrepreneur's true intention is simply to make a change happen, then sharing credit will come naturally. However, if the true intention is to be recognized as having made a change happen, sharing credit may run against the grain.



Correct Paraphrasing

If entrepreneurs are more willing to share credit, which comes easily with an intent to make change, then people will be more willing to help them (Bornstein 235).

Rule 2: Quote your Source

Another common way to incorporate another person's ideas is through direct quotation. Direct quotation is an extended word-for-word duplication of an author's original writing. Quotation also requires that you give credit to the original source.

For an example of acceptable quotation, see below.

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Correct Use of Quotation

In a recent book on social entrepreneurship, Borstein states that "If an entrepreneur's true intention is simply to make a change happen, then sharing credit will come naturally" (235).