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## Understanding, Detecting & Avoiding PLAGIARISM

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# Origin

The word plagiarism is derived from the Latin word plagiare, which means to kidnap or abduct. The word began to be used in the English language sometime during the 1600s.

The Latin word made its way into English in 1601 when Ben Jonson described a literary thief as 'plagiary'.

The Oxford English Dictionary credits Ben Jonson being the first to use it in print.

## What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism involves two kinds of wrong deeds.

- 1. Using another person's work constitutes intellectual theft.
- 2. Passing off another person's ideas, information, or expressions as your own to get advantage, constitute fraud.
- Plagiarism is sometimes a moral and ethical offense rather than a legal one, since some instances of plagiarism fall outside the scope of copyright infringement, a legal offense



## What is Plagiarism?

- Using another person's words without giving him credit.
- Using another person's ideas without giving him credit.
- Using another person's research results, diagrams, or images without giving him credit.

#### Intentional

- -Copying somebody's work
- -Buying or borrowing papers
- Cutting and pasting blocks of text from electronic sources without proper citation

#### Unintentional

- Careless paraphrasing
- Poor documentation
- Quoting excessively
- Failure to use your own "voice"

Many types of plagiarism exist; some are clear and some are not. A writer must know what constitutes plagiarism because ignorance of the facts will not excuse him or her from the consequences.

The University of Pittsburgh's undergraduate plagiarism policy (University of Pittsburgh, 2008) lists examples of plagiarism:

- Copying text "as is" without quotation marks and with no citation or source.
- Reordering the elements of the source text without citation.
- Copying pieces (sentences, key phrases) of the source text without citation.
- Paraphrasing without citation.
- Reproducing information that is not common knowledge or self-evident without citation.
- Incorporating an idea heard in conversation without citation.
- Using your own past material or another student's material as a new idea without citation.
- Paying for another to contribute to your work without citation.
- Using software or online translators to translate material without citation.
- Paying someone else to do your work, purchasing material, or translating from someone else's material (web-based or hard copy). (Calvano, 2011)

## Self-Plagiarism

Self-plagiarism is the use of one's own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously. The writer must cite his-or herself when using previously written work.

Self-plagiarism may also fall under possible copyright infringement. For writers who have published a particular piece such as a scientific research study or academic article, the copyright may have been allotted to the research journal or publication. The writer must study this matter carefully before reproducing any of this kind of work (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2011)

Writers should recycle their own material carefully and sparingly.

- 1. Practice ethics in research
- 2. Know how to quote
- 3. Know how to cite
- 4. Know when something is common knowledge
- 5. Know how to paraphrase

#### Practice ethics in research

- Be sure to keep track of each source you use
- Indicate in your notes which ideas are taken from sources (S) and which are your own insights (ME)
- Record all of the relevant information in your notes

### Know how to quote

- Mention the name of the quoted person in your text
- Put quotation marks around the text you are quoting
- Use brackets ([ ])
- Use block quotes when necessary
- Quote sparingly

### Know how to cite

- Why should you cite your sources?
  - Citations show you have done research
  - Your arguments become stronger when you can back them up
  - Ensures others receive fair credit for their work
- Always give a citation for quoted words or phrases.
- Always give a citation after paraphrased sentences.
- Always give a citation for specific statistics, percentages, and numbers given in your text.

### CITATIONS

- While writing, citations must be given at the following two places:
  - A. Within the running text section
  - B. At the end of the write-up
- Today a number of styles are available. Some well known are:
  - Harvard,
  - American Psychological Association (APA),
  - Modern Language Association (MLA),
  - Chicago Manual, etc.

## Do I have to cite everything?



## No Need to Cite When:

You are discussing your own observations, or results
Compiling the results of original research, from science experiments, field studies ...
You are using *common knowledge*

## Examples of Common Knowledge

## Pandit Nehru was our PM Raipur is the capital of Chhattisgarh

If you see a fact in three or more sources, and you are fairly certain your readers already know this information, it is likely to be "common knowledge."

But when in doubt, cite!

### Know how to paraphrase

- Paraphrasing means putting an idea into your own words.
- Don't just rearrange the sentences or replace a few words.
- Be able to summarize the original source without having it in front of you.

## Know how to paraphrase (cont.)

- Read the original passage until you understand its meaning
- Set the book aside.
- Write your paraphrase on note cards or a sheet of paper.
- Compare your paraphrase with the original to make sure that the essential information is preserved.
- Use quotation marks to identify any unique term or phrase you have borrowed exactly from the source
- When you paraphrase sources, introduce them with phrases like Jones (2001) suggests..., or Smith (1998) believes...



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#### **Possible consequences**

- Plagiarism ruins reputations, and could harm your career.
- Having an academic degree rescinded, or professional status revoked
- Loss of reputation

## Methods of detecting plagiarism

- More accurate search engines
- Full-text journal articles in library databases
- Commercial plagiarism-detection services

## Methods of detecting plagiarism

#### Some revealing signs are follows - -

- It doesn't sound like the student's writing.
- Page numbers don't make sense; fonts switch around; material is off-topic or seems patched together
- References to charts, graphs, accompanying material that isn't there
- References to material not having access
- All citations are to old material or historical events referred to in the present tense
- Students can't identify citations, provide copies of the cited material, or answer questions about it

## Plagiarism in the digital age

- In the present day: far easier to cheat, but it's also growing easier to detect
- Technology has made it easier to track down and identify cases of plagiarism – you won't get away with it.

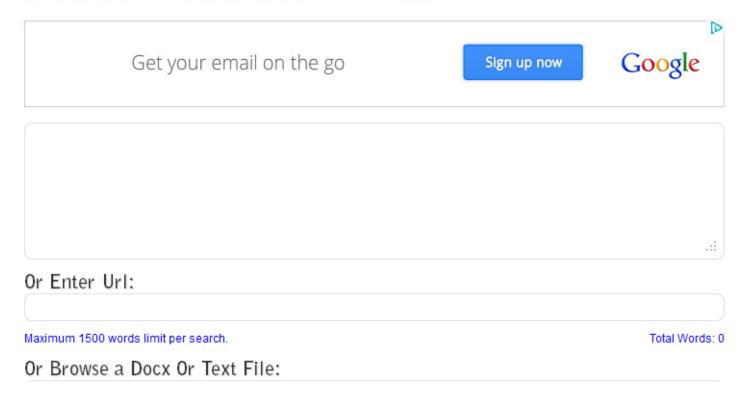
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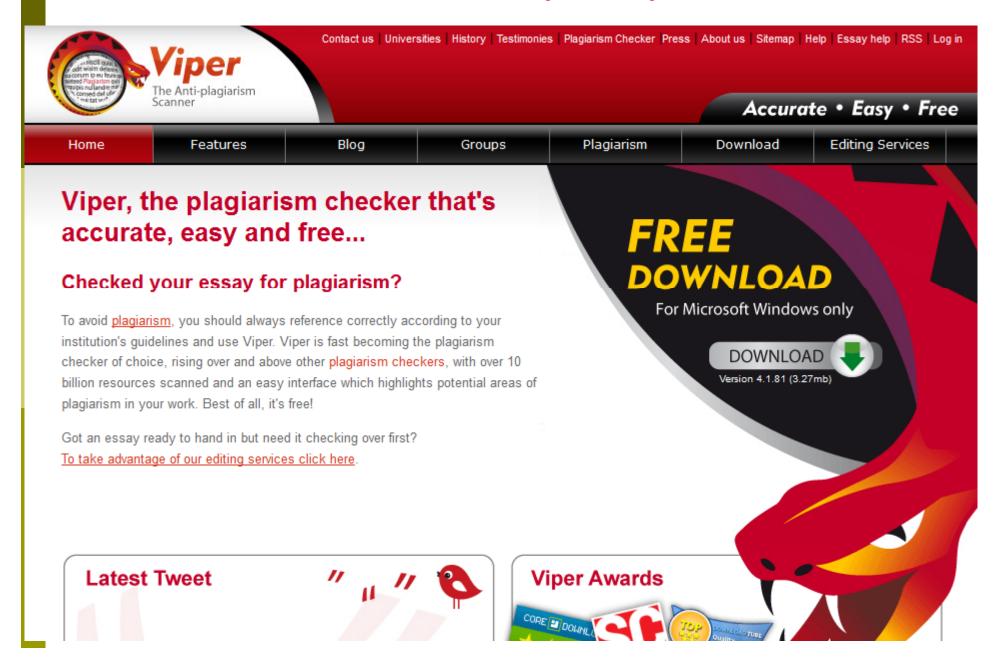
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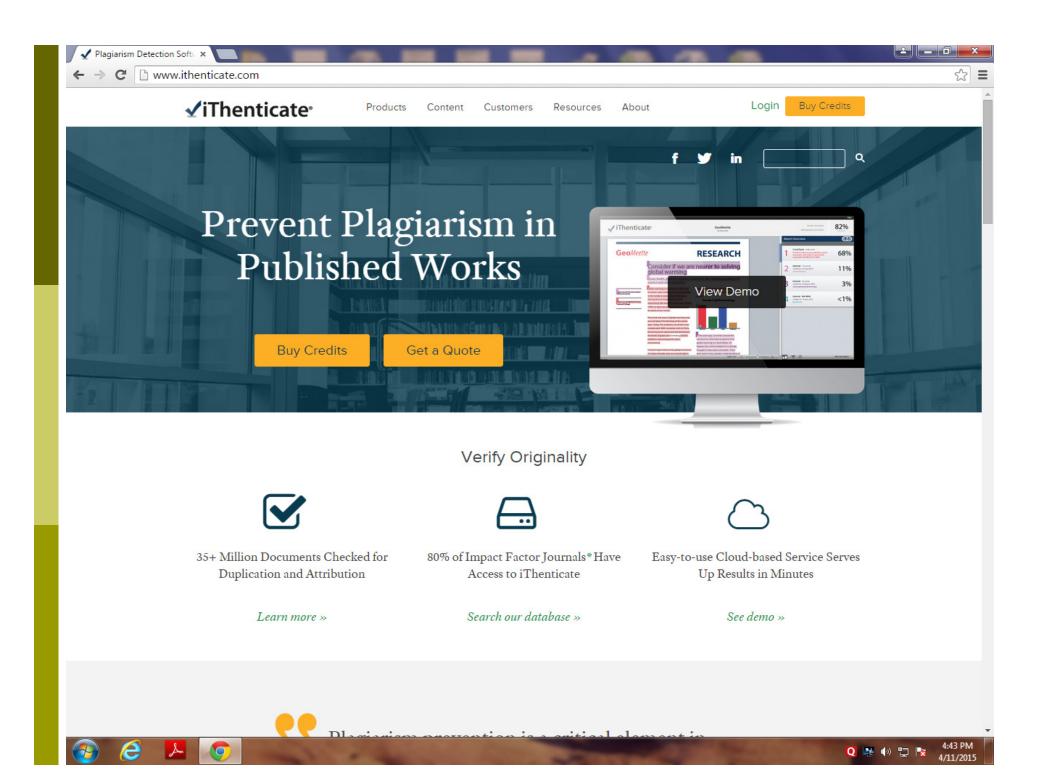
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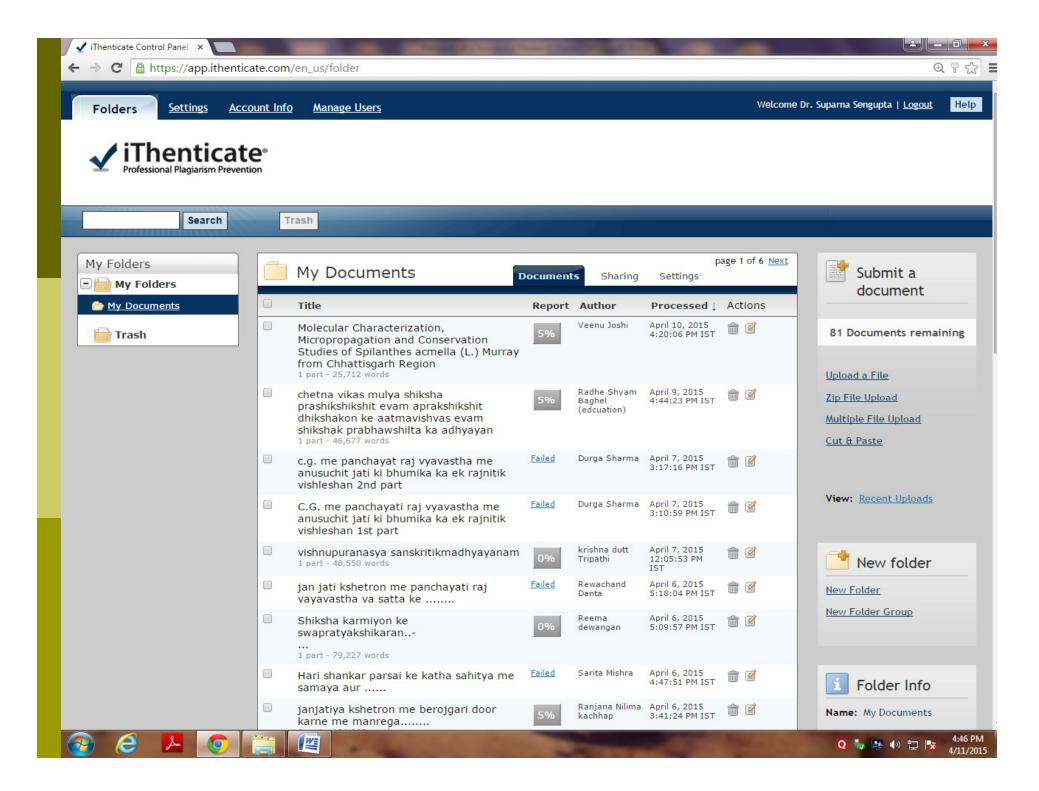
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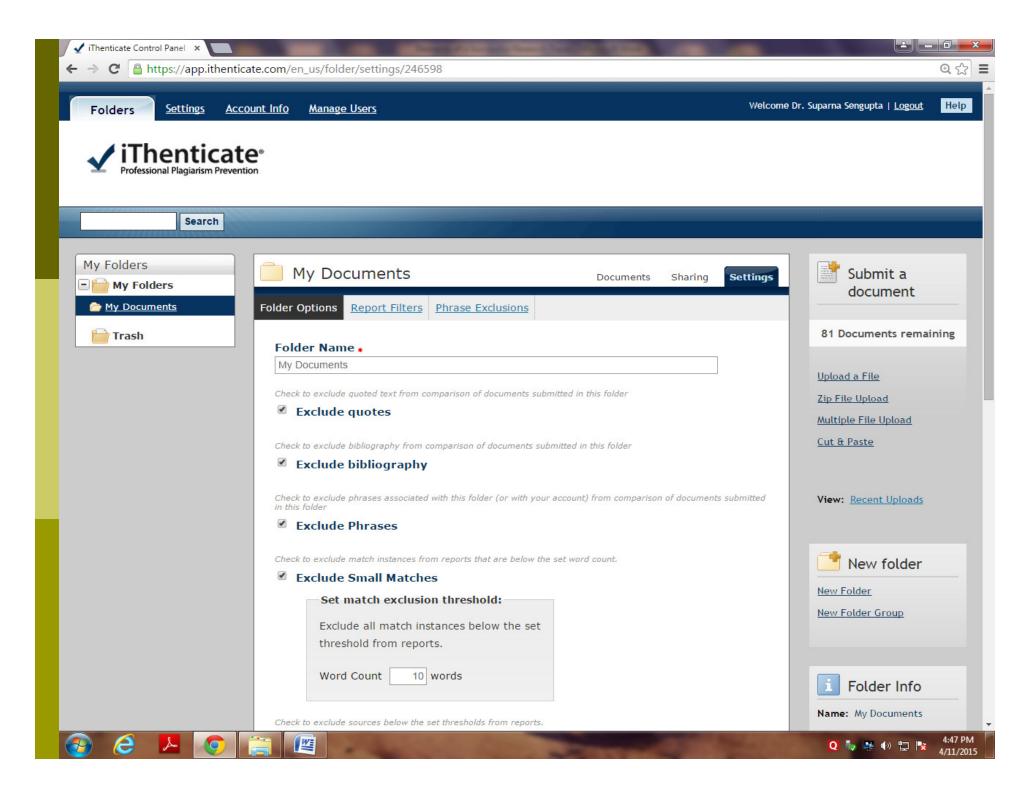
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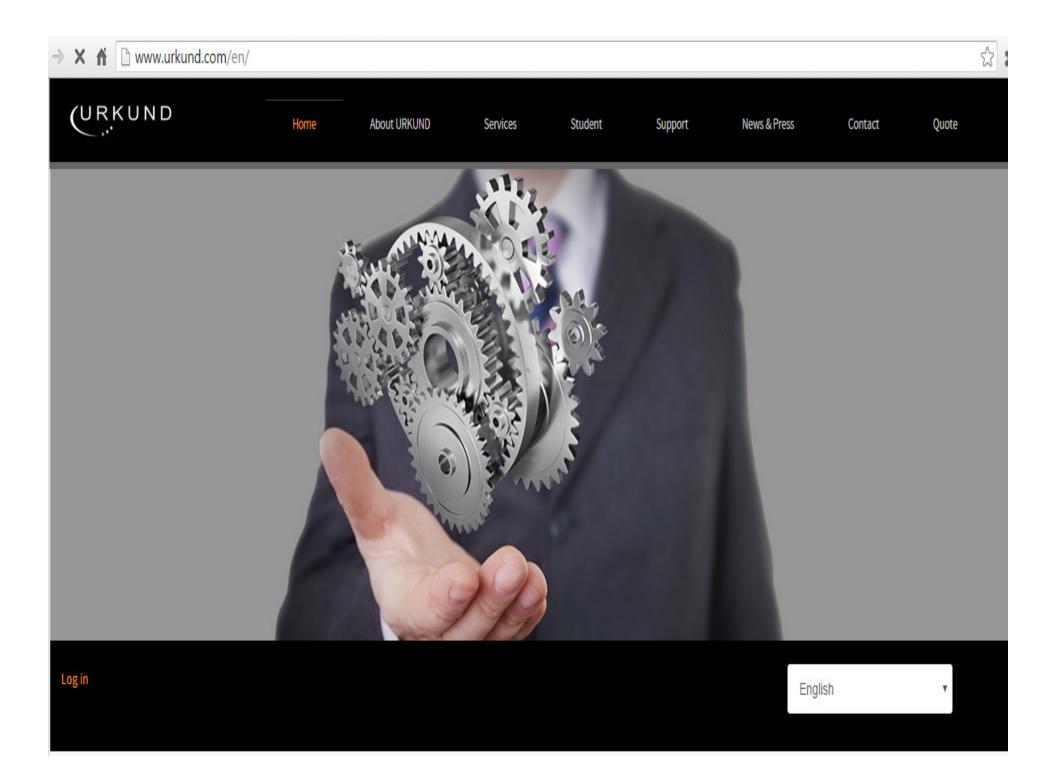
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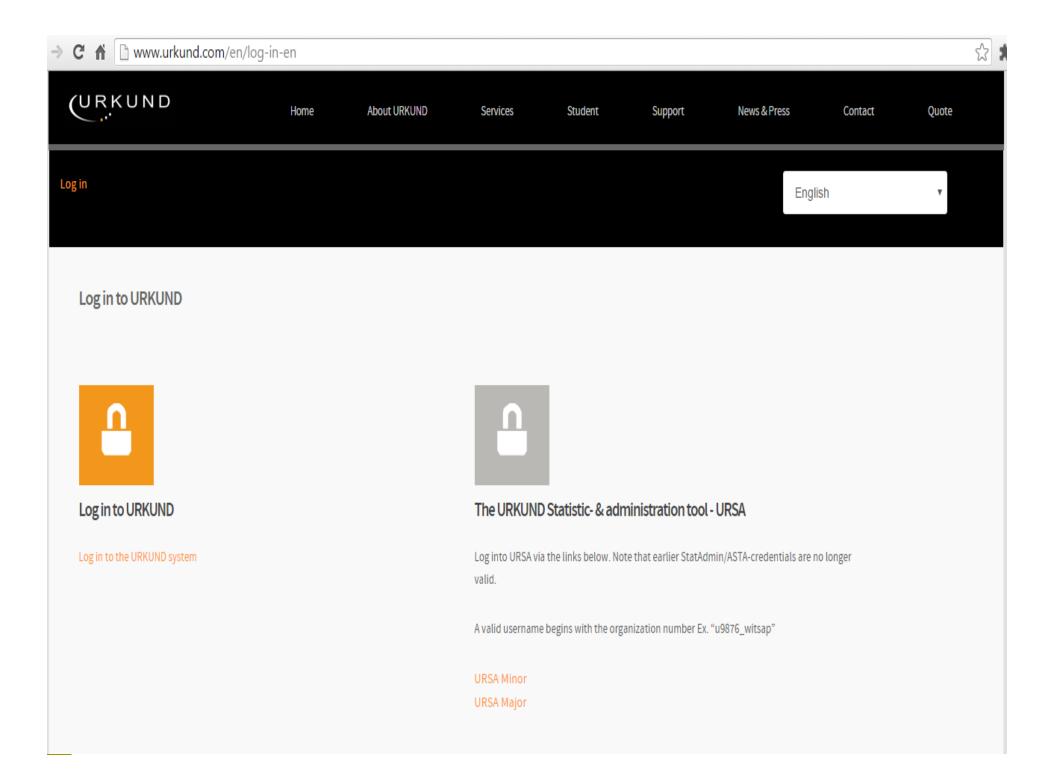
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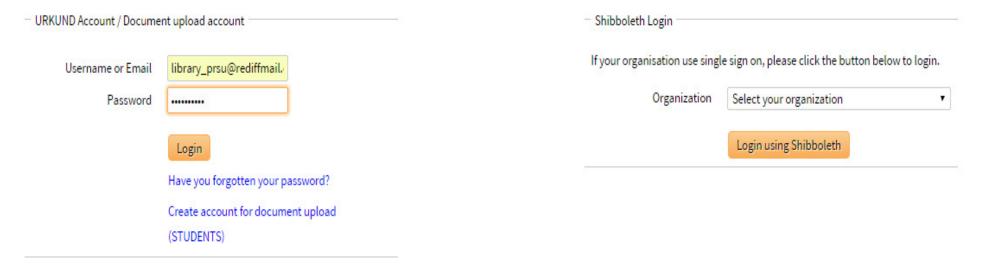


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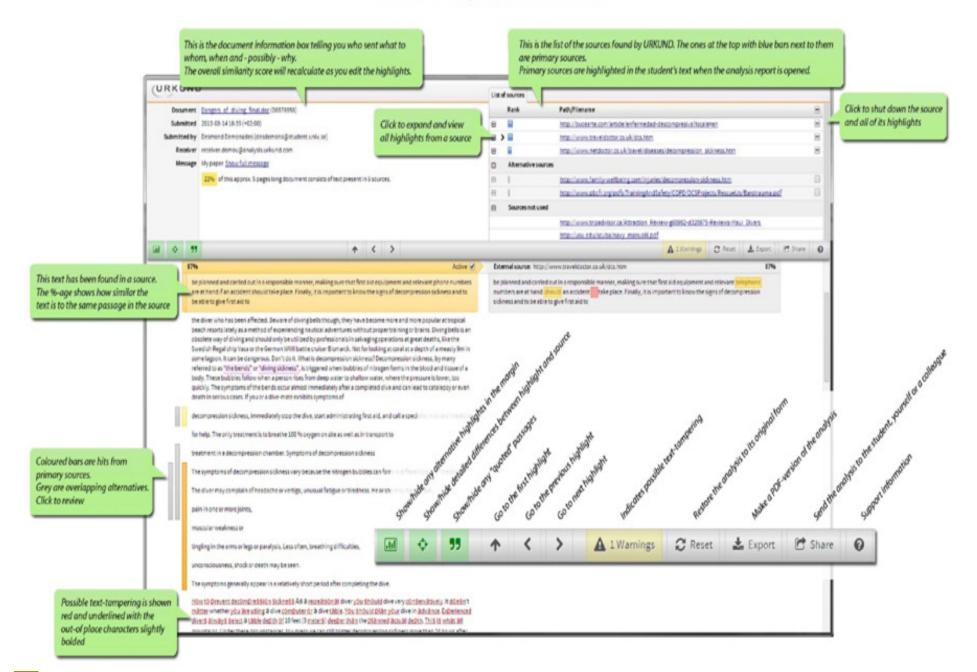
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# CONCLUSION

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- Learn from your past mistakes.
- Realize that an act of plagiarism might cost you your reputation, your degree, or your professional career.

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# **Any Questions Please?**



# **THANK YOU**