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Definition:

Plagiarism is the borrowing of someone else's language or ideas without acknowledging the source. Any outside source used—be it a book, journal, magazine, newspaper, Internet, or other student—must be properly identified as such. Failure to use quotation marks, to acknowledge the original source in the body of the text, or to list the source in the bibliography all constitute plagiarism. Copying an entire paper, a paragraph, or even a single sentence without acknowledging the source is unacceptable. More information on plagiarism and how to avoid it can be found at numerous sites on the Internet: especially recommended are the University of Indiana, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Sussex.

To avoid misrepresenting someone else's language and ideas, students should familiarize themselves with the appropriate citation styles. In most cases, instructors in the English Department follow the MLA or APA citation and bibliography styles. Consult with your instructor for the style preferred for that seminar or for the thesis.

Justification:

Plagiarism violates the fundamental principles of academic life. It is unfair both to the person whose ideas or language are being used, as well as to other students who produce original work. Additionally—and perhaps most importantly in a program for English as a Second Language—it makes it impossible for an instructor to evaluate a student's use of language.

Penalties:

If a case of plagiarism is identified, the instructor may give a mark of 'one' for that paper at his/her discretion and is not required to accept any re-writes for that assignment. This includes cases where the student would fail the entire course as a result. If plagiarism is identified in the final version of a thesis (*szakdolgozat*), the thesis automatically receives a 'one' and no re-writes are possible until the next submission period.