

Exercises for Practice

Below are some situations in which writers need to decide whether or not they are running the risk of plagiarizing. In the **Y/N** column, indicate if you *would* need to document (**Yes**), or if it is *not necessary* to provide quotation marks or a citation (**No**). If you do need to give the source credit in some way, explain how you would handle it. If not, explain why.

Situation	Y/N	If yes, what do you do? If no, why?
1. You are writing new insights about your own experiences.		
2. You are using an editorial from your school's newspaper with which you disagree.		
3. You use some information from a source without ever quoting it directly.		
4. You have no other way of expressing the exact meaning of a text without using the original source verbatim.		
5. You mention that many people in your discipline belong to a certain organization.		
6. You want to begin your paper with a story that one of your classmates told about her experiences in Bosnia.		
7. The quote you want to use is too long, so you leave out a couple of phrases.		
8. You really like the particular phrase somebody else made up, so you use it.		

(Adapted from Aaron)