

# Types of Plagiarism

Plagiarism occurs when phrases, sentences, or paragraphs are copied from an original document written by someone else, without acknowledgement and with minor word changes.

There is sufficient paraphrasing of text but the acknowledgement of the author/s is omitted (i.e. no citation)

The source is acknowledged but the full copied text is not put within quotation marks

Uncited  
Paraphrasing

Uncited  
Quotation

Verbatim

Types of  
Plagiarism

Mosaic

Inadequate  
Paraphrasing

Self-  
Plagiarism

Mere rearrangement of sentences with no or slight paraphrasing

Reusing your own assignments or large portions from your papers already assessed (in the same class or in other classes)

Use phrases from a source or many sources without using quotation marks, or find synonyms for the author's language while keeping to the same general language structure and meaning as found in the original

Note: **Paraphrasing** is to rephrase the original idea from an author's work using your own words and phrases. Take note that you must always cite the source, even if you use your own words as the idea belongs to the author.

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## An example:

*“There is an expiry date on blaming your parents for steering you in the wrong direction. The moment you are old enough to take the wheel, the responsibility lies with you.”*

J. K. Rowling, Harvard Commencement Address, 2008, <http://www.quotationspage.com/quotes/J-K-Rowling/31>

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**Verbatim Plagiarism:**  
Direct copying with no citation or quotation marks.

“There is an expiry date on blaming your parents for steering you in the wrong direction. The moment you are old enough to take the wheel, the responsibility lies with you,” (J.K. Rowling, 2008).

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I think that once you are old enough to take the wheel, you have to stop blaming your parents for steering you wrong.

**Uncited Paraphrasing:**  
Claiming the idea to be your own.

According to J.K. Rowling (2008), you cannot blame you parents your whole life for your mistakes. Once you are old enough to take the wheel, you are responsible for your actions.

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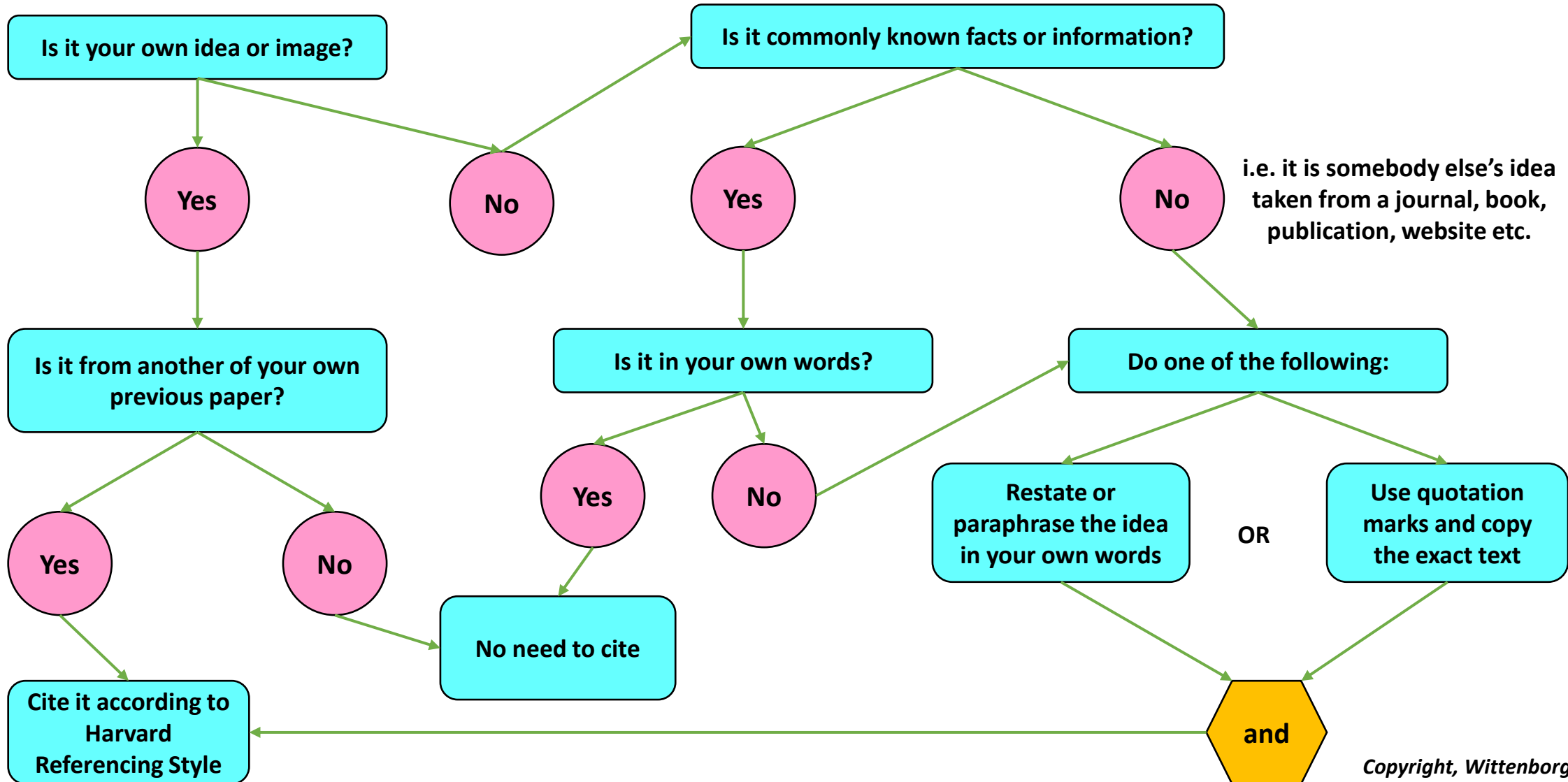
**Inadequate Paraphrasing:**  
Insufficient paraphrasing with no citation.

It is not right to put the blame on your parents throughout your life, for not setting you in the right direction. Once you are old enough, you are your own responsibility (J.K. Rowling, 2008)

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