

## Academic Integrity What is plagiarism?

## Narrator:

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Don't just look at material you want to use and then change a few words here and there – that's not paraphrasing. Instead, make sure you understand what you've read, close the book or website, and write down the main ideas. Don't worry that they don't sound exactly like the original – they shouldn't. They are now in your own words, reflecting your thinking and personality.