

# Plagiarism

## What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is passing off somebody else's work as your own – this includes ideas, tables and diagrams as well as the exact words someone else has used...

This can happen deliberately or accidentally

### ***Copying***

Copying text, tables, or drawings, without providing a citation in the text to show where the material has been taken from is intellectual theft- plagiarism.

### ***Paraphrase plagiarism***

This is when the original text has been slightly altered – e.g. using a thesaurus to change a few words, altering the grammar slightly, but the majority of the structure and content remain the same –is plagiarism even a reference is cited.

### ***Patchwork Plagiarism***

Patchwork plagiarism is when sections of the original text are connected together in a new way.

### ***Stealing***

When a short phrase is copied from the original text without using quotation marks. It can be tempting to use a good turn of phrase.

## Writing without Plagiarising

### ***Paraphrasing***

Whenever you paraphrase somebody's work you must provide a citation in the text and a full reference at the end.

Caution: If you are paraphrasing and you follow the original text too closely (too many words are same) you are plagiarising – even if you provide a full reference.

## ***Quoting***

Only use quotes to:

Illustrate a point that you have made

Add weight to an argument

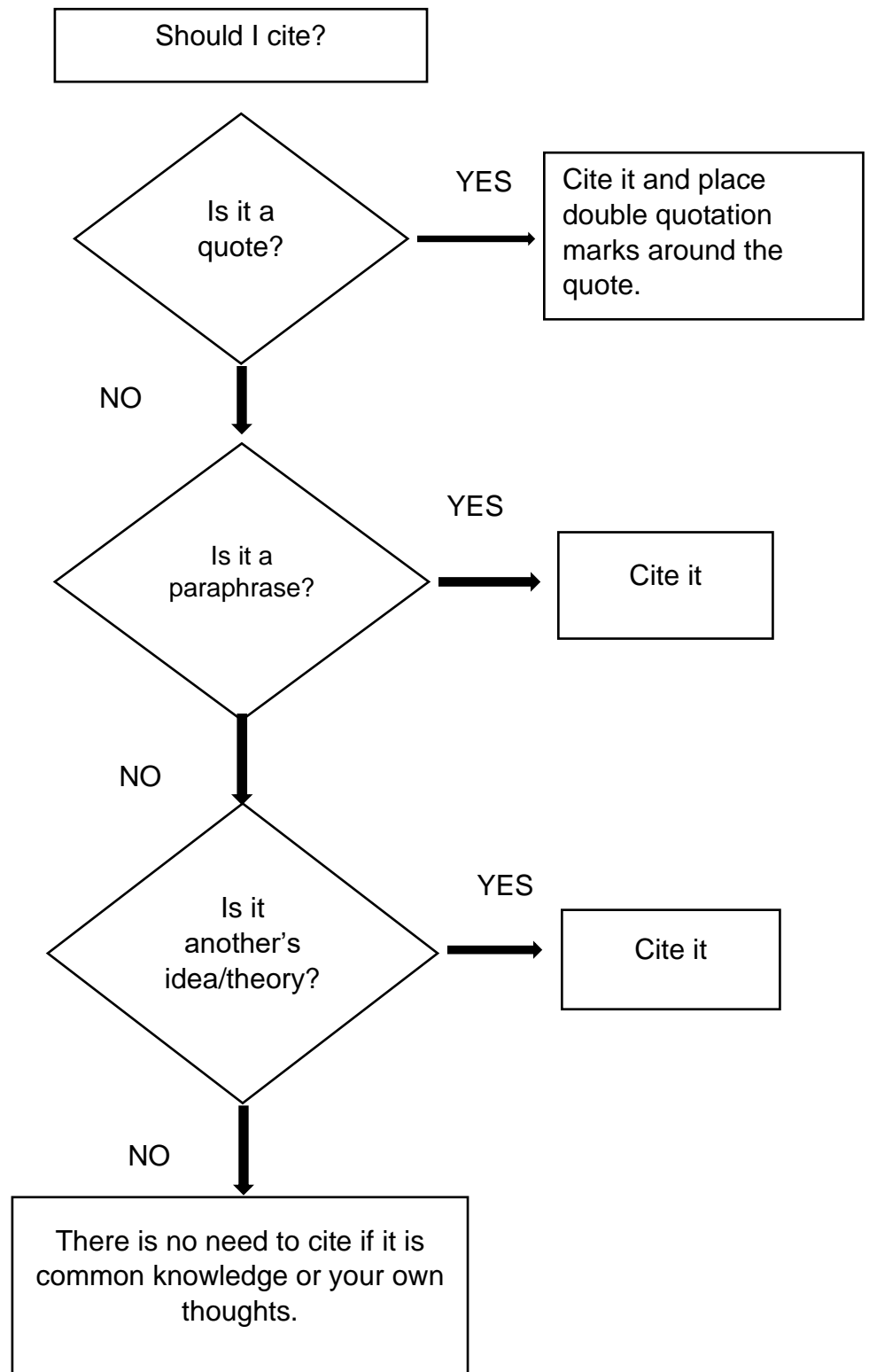
If the quote would have less weight if paraphrased – (remember good paraphrasing demonstrates your understanding of the original text).

If you quote directly from the original source you need to indicate this:

Short quotes – use “quotation marks” within the body of the text

Long quotes – indent the quote from the left hand margin, don't central justify, don't use quotation marks

With all quotes you need to cite the author, date and provide the page number in your text and a full reference at the end.



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References:

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