

## **Is that plagiarism?**

Most of us think we know plagiarism when we see it. But is it always as clear-cut as we think? Work with a partner to discuss whether plagiarism or cheating has occurred in the scenarios below. Explain your answers. Upon completion, your instructor will facilitate a large group discussion.

1. While working on your term paper, you find a couple of great sources in your research. You use bits and pieces of direct quotes from each source to develop your own ideas, but do not use quotations. Is this plagiarism?

2. You and your friend are excited to have the same class together. You've decided to collaborate on all projects, but will still turn in your own work. Could this be considered cheating?

3. You found a number of excellent sources to help you develop your persuasive speech. While giving your speech, you do not orally cite any sources. Could you be accused of plagiarizing?

4. Your main argument within your speech is based on one theory from a well-respected scholar in your field. You do not directly use any of his/her words and you have plenty of other sources to back up your argument. Are you a plagiarizer?

5. You and your partner have been assigned to work together for the whole quarter. You will be proofreading, floating ideas, practicing, and sharing notes with each other. If you only did these four things, have you cheated?