WHY AVOID PLAGIARISM?

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In giving statements, producing written outputs or posting ideas either printed or online, one great issue that is circulating is with regard to plagiarism. There have been numerous accounts of people, both well-known and not, that have faced charges regarding copied entries and are punished by doing so. With these accounts circulating over the news and on social media, one may ask “What’s the big deal with copying other people’s outputs?” Copying might seem to be a simple act of misbehavior that can commonly be seen in students during examinations. In the assurance of having good scores or passing the test, a student might be tempted to copy from a classmate without him or her knowing it. In some cases they both know it whereas connivance occurs. Can this simple act escalate to something drastic that results to severe and harsh results?

The answer is a big YES! Simply put that cheating is punishable goes the same way with stealing. Plagiarism conforms to the same principle.

Plagiarism is the act of using other people’s work, statement, reports or outputs and owning them as theirs. Plagiarism is the act of getting lines from a public speech, or some parts of the story, even the story plot, characters or statements of characters. It may also be using ideas, themes or concepts that are originally made by others. The act of using other people’s outputs and not acknowledging them as the original source is the main concern of plagiarism. And this is punishable by law.

Once that the law acted justice and provide punishment, the person performing plagiarism can be jailed, pay damages to the original source or even stripped off of his or her privileges and position. The intellectual property right of the original source will be
the basic component for prosecuting offenders. The case that is filed against offenders is termed as copy right infringement.

So it is made clear that the act of copying other people’s work is call plagiarism while the right that is violated is called intellectual property right and the case to be filed against the offender is termed as copy right infringement.

It is important that writers follow specific ways of acknowledging original source of ideas, statements or concepts so as to avoid any consequences. There are websites that prove to be helpful in avoiding such problems. An individual may google it by using the key words plagiarism scanner.

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