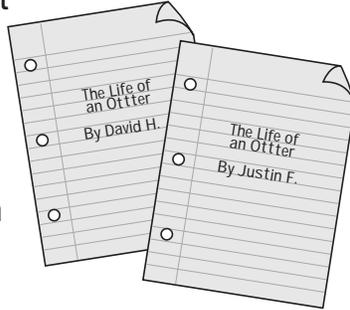


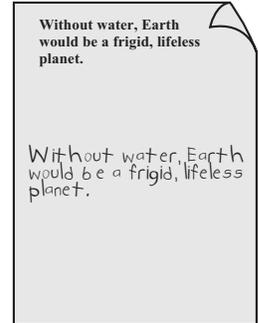
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Whose is it, anyway?

David had basketball practice last night and didn't have time to do his homework. Justin offers to let him copy his and sends it to David in an E-mail. Is that okay? Explain.

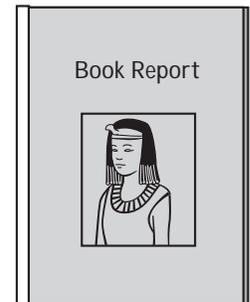


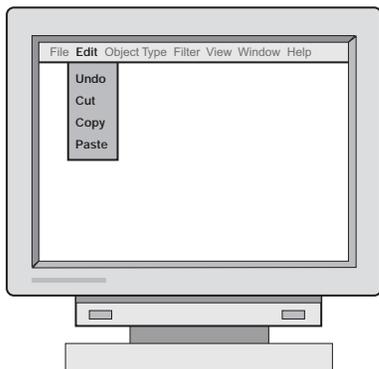
Manny has to write a paragraph about water resources for science. He finds a paragraph on a Web site that is just right. Manny copies it in his own handwriting. Is that okay? Explain.



Samantha copies a Web page into her word processor and adds her own first sentence. Is that okay? Explain.

Marybeth spends a lot of time searching the Web. She finds a great drawing on a site. She prints it for the cover of her social studies report. Is that okay? Explain.



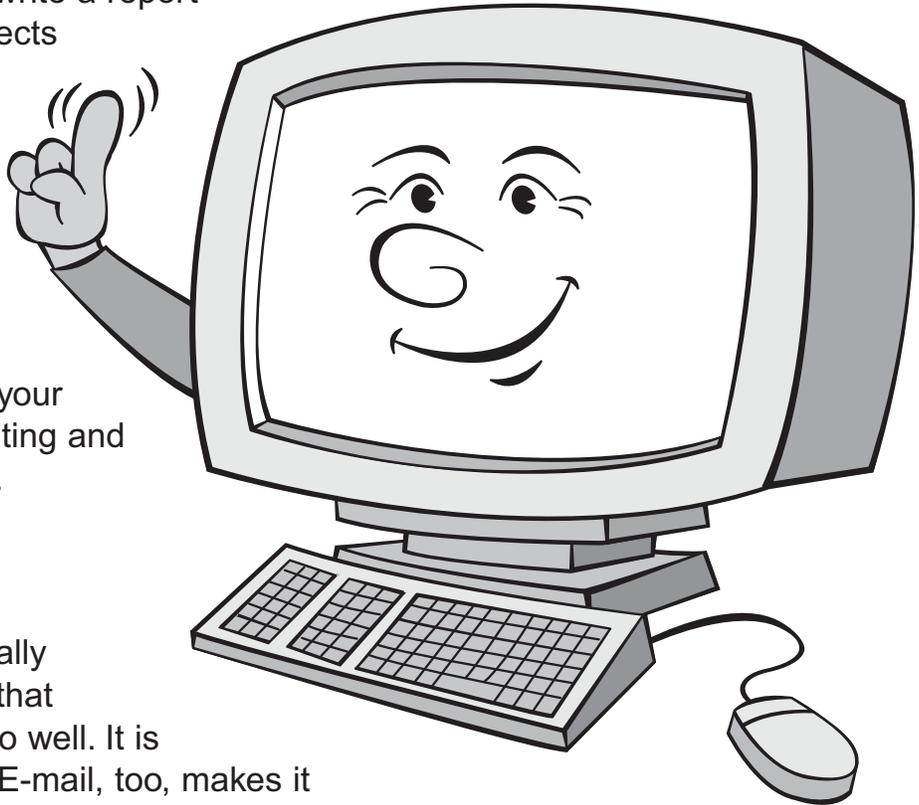


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Copying Not Allowed!

If your teacher asks you to write a report in your own words, she expects you not to copy. Not from a Web page. Not from your best friend. Not even if you write it in your own handwriting or retype it yourself.

Taking others' exact words and pretending that they're your own is **plagiarism**. It's cheating and is against your school rules.



But, It's So Easy

It's hard not to copy. Especially when you find a Web page that tells what you want to say so well. It is so easy to copy and paste. E-mail, too, makes it easy for kids to copy each other's work. Instead, try reading the Web page, closing it, and writing the information in your own words.

When It Is Fair to Copy

It's okay to copy and paste someone else's words into your schoolwork if

- you use quotation marks around the words and
- you tell who wrote the words and where you found them.

It's okay to copy and paste photos, drawings, and graphs into a report if you tell who made it or where you found it.