

# Mosaic Plagiarism

Most students do not realize that using similar words, groups of words, and/or structure is mosaic plagiarism. In order to correctly paraphrase, one has to use his/her own words and own sentence structure.

## Example of Incorrect Paraphrasing (Mosaic Plagiarism)

Student Writer:	Source:
I <b>clutched my pillowcase</b> and <b>stood at the iron door</b> in my coat and hat. It was early morning, and the plate had not been removed. I was ready in no time.	"I put on my coat and hat and <b>stood at the iron door clutching the pillowcase</b> in both hands. It was still early in the morning; the tin breakfast plate had not yet been removed from the shelf in the door. Getting ready had taken no time at all." (from The Hiding Place)

The writer has taken a few words and phrases from the original text without using quotation marks, so even if they had used a citation, it is too close to the original and would not be a paraphrase.

Reference:

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/dean-of-students/judicial-board/academic-honesty-and-plagiarism/common-types-of-plagiarism.html>