

When and How to Use TurnItIn

What it is

A similarity checker/report that compares your students' works to other content that is available on the web, in periodicals, journals, and publications, and against a student repository. It provides a percentage of the work that is similar or the same to other works, along with a report that both you and the student can view.

Best practice: Use it as a teaching tool by setting up multiple submission attempts. This will allow students to review their scores and then revise and resubmit. This is especially useful when it comes to teaching students how to paraphrase and cite sources properly.

Features

- A clickable score flag that shows up in the gradebook in blue, green, yellow, orange, and red
- Feedback studio, which highlights the similarities between students' work and potential source materials

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Limitations

- Does not distinguish between common phrasing and plagiarism
- Can be tricked with some basic hacks
- Does not indicate which student plagiarized, if one is copying off another in the same course
- AI detector is *extremely* faulty

When to use it

- As a teaching and learning tool for students in conjunction with feedback to discuss things like proper paraphrasing and citations.
- For high-stakes papers and written assignments

How to set it up with your assignment

- It is built into Canvas, so use it in the assignments tab. Do not use it as an external tool.
- Exclude bibliography materials and quotes
- Allow students multiple submission attempts so that they can review their plagiarism score and fix items as necessary.

Do not use the score alone to determine if it is plagiarism!

Turnitin's percentage can be influenced by a lot of factors, such as:

- Common phrases and idioms
- Quotations
- References and bibliographies
- Students writing on the same topic – earlier submissions will score lower, while those submitting later will see their scores increase based on what's already been submitted
- Rough drafts and earlier submissions to another assignment

When in doubt, check it out!

Remember – it's up to you to make the final call. Turnitin is a tool, but it is not a replacement for human judgment.

- Provide an explanation to students about how they can review their similarity scores and what to do if it's above a certain percentage.

How to review the scores

1. Open up the assignment in Speedgrader. This will give a numerical percentage of similarity to other sources online.
2. Click on the score to open up the Turnitin Feedback Studio.
3. There is a sidebar that contains information about the sources Turnitin is checking, as well as some grading tools that you can use to provide feedback to the students. The similar phrasing is highlighted, along with a number indicating the source.
4. Click on the number above the highlighted area to see a preview of the actual text in the source material.
5. Make your determination of potential plagiarism and your next steps based on your review.

Word Count: 698 words

Submitted Files: (click to load)

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Article: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/01/200107104930.htm>

This media article focuses on the possibility of using ketone supplement drinks to control blood sugar in people with Type 2 diabetes and pre-diabetics. Since diabetics have low insulin levels, their cells cannot take up sugar in the blood, resulting in constantly high blood sugar levels. The ketogenic diet, a diet high in fat and protein and low in carbs, has been shown to successfully reduce blood sugar in diabetics since the diet uses ketones for energy, instead of sugar from carbohydrates. The article discusses a study conducted by Jonathan Little, a professor at UBC Okanagan's School of Health and Exercise Sciences, to assess the use of ketone supplements in treating diabetes. 15 people with either obesity or prediabetes fasted

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