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### **Release Overview**

With the increasing use of technology in student learning - whether working from home or in the classroom, the focus on ensuring academic integrity has never been greater. Ensuring academic integrity is a concern for all educators.

Edgenuity is pleased to announce the release of a new **Plagiarism Checker** now available for all educators!

This new embedded tool automatically scans final essays and generates a report summarizing matches of student work. This point-of-use solution supports teachers in more efficiently monitoring student submissions for academic dishonesty. All final essays are automatically scanned looking for matches across the internet and within our own internal database of student submissions.

# **Plagiarism Results Overview**

Plagiarism results are available for viewing from the individual student gradebook.



These results will include a similarity score, the total number of matched resources, and the total number of words in the text.

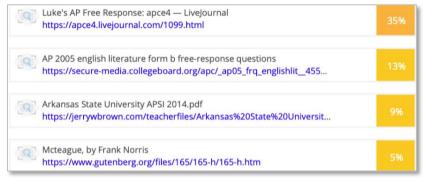


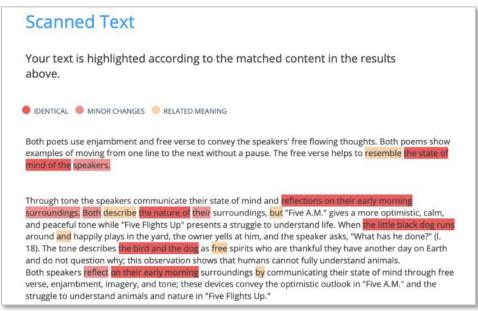
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Teachers also see on the report the number of words that are identified as being plagiarized, or identical to the sources. Words with related meanings indicates synonyms used in place of the original words in the source text, and also included is the number of omitted words.

Identical Words	131
Words with Minor Changes	5
Words with Related Meaning	6
Ommited Words	0

These results come from the comparison to the identified sources that contained identical matches, minor changes (synonyms) and related meaning:





We are planning for more enhancements to come soon for this feature including an interactive web view with downloadable reports and the ability to manually scan additional activity types. Learn more about the current functionality of our Plagiarism Checker in the **help center**.

As technology advances, so do we. We want to be a partner with you in the education of your students to improve learning outcomes while ensuing academic integrity. Educator feedback helped drive the creation of this new feature and we are excited to have it ready for you to use!

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# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### (Q) Will a report be available if no plagiarism was detected?

(A) No, if there was no percentage of the assignment that was detected to be plagiarized, then the field found under the **Academic Integrity** column of the student's gradebook will be blank. Reports are available for essays scanned and detected with more than a 15% similarity match.

#### (Q) Which types of assignments are automatically scanned for plagiarism?

(A) Final drafts of essays, sometimes called Revising assignments, are currently the only assignments automatically scanned for plagiarism.

#### (Q) How long does it take for the Plagiarism report to check a student's submission?

(A) The scan typically takes about 15 minutes to run from the time the student submits their assignment. If anything is detected, then the report appears for the educator to view inside the student's gradebook.

# (Q) What should I do if the checker finds a student has plagiarized some or all of the submitted assignment?

(A) The decision on how to handle cheating is the responsibility of the teacher, school, and district in accordance with your policies. Most schools have established policies and responses to cheating and academic dishonesty. Please work with your administration regarding your approach to plagiarism. Additionally, you can review our <a href="Implementation Guide to Ensuring Academic Integrity">Implementation Guide to Ensuring Academic Integrity</a> article in the Help Center for additional suggestions.

#### (Q) Is this something I have to enable in order for my student work to be scanned?

(A) No, currently this feature is enabled for all student final essays. There is nothing you need to do to turn it on.

# (Q) My student submitted an essay earlier in the semester and I suspect it might be plagiarized. There is no report under the Academic Integrity column though. How far back will the system scan final essays?

(A) Academic Integrity reports for plagiarism will be available for any final essays submitted after the release of this feature, 9/1/2021. Any final essays submitted prior to this date will not be automatically scanned.

#### (Q) Will an alert appear on my Dashboard when an essay is detected for plagiarism?

(A) No, not at this time. The alert for essay grading is still available, so any essays submitted after 9/1/2021 will be automatically scanned. Remember that you will need to navigate to the student's individual gradebook at this time to view the report.

#### (Q) Will a student see or be notified that their submission was identified as plagiarized?

(A) No, the report is only available to educators. It can be printed and shared with students as you deem necessary though.