

Plagiarism or not?

Plagiarism is when you copy someone else's ideas or words and pass it off as your own. When using texts from the internet you always have to mention your sources. In addition, it is important not to copy the text word by word, but rather to use the information and put it into your own words. If you copy chunks of words or full sentences you have to use quotation marks to avoid plagiarism. But how much do you have to change the text if it is not a quote? A good rule of thumb is that you have to erase any trace of the original sentence structure to make sure your text is not plagiarism.

TASK: Read the text from Wikipedia about the Titanic. Then compare it to the different paragraphs (A-E) below and decide: is it plagiarism or not? Give reasons for your answer.

RMS Titanic was a British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1912, after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew aboard, more than 1,500 died, making it one of modern history's deadliest commercial marine disasters during peacetime. RMS Titanic was the largest ship afloat at the time she entered service and was the second of three Olympic-class ocean liners operated by the White Star Line. She was built by the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast. Thomas Andrews, chief naval architect of the shipyard at the time, died in the disaster.

Titanic was under the command of Capt. Edward Smith, who also went down with the ship. The ocean liner carried some of the wealthiest people in the world, as well as hundreds of emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland, Scandinavia and elsewhere throughout Europe who were seeking a new life in the United States. The first-class accommodation was designed to be the pinnacle of comfort and luxury, with an on-board gymnasium, swimming pool, libraries, high-class restaurants and opulent cabins. A high-powered radiotelegraph transmitter was available for sending passenger "marconigrams" and for the ship's operational use. Although *Titanic* had advanced safety features such as watertight compartments and remotely activated watertight doors, it only carried enough lifeboats for 1,178 people—about half the number on board, and one third of her total capacity—due to outdated maritime safety regulations. The ship carried 16 lifeboat davits which could lower three lifeboats each, for a total of 48 boats. However, *Titanic* carried only a total of 20 lifeboats, four of which were collapsible and proved hard to launch during the sinking.

Retrieved 7 April 2019, from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RMS_Titanic.

A.

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The British ship Titanic went down in the Atlantic Ocean in 1912 when it crashed with an iceberg. There were 2,224 passengers on the ship, and unfortunately more than 1,500 did not survive. At the time, Titanic was the largest ship and she was built by the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast. One of the architects of the shipyard, Thomas Andrews, also tragically died in the collision. Edward Smith was the captain of Titanic, and he also died on the ship. The big ship carried the richest people in the world, as well as hundreds of emigrants who were seeking a new life in America.

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According to Wikipedia, Titanic “was a British passenger liner that sank in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1912, after colliding with an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew aboard, more than 1,500 died, making it one of modern history's deadliest commercial marine disasters during peacetime. RMS Titanic was the largest ship afloat at the time she entered service and was the second of three Olympic-class ocean liners operated by the White Star Line. She was built by the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast. Thomas Andrews, chief naval architect of the shipyard at the time, died in the disaster.”

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Edward Smith, who also went down with the ship, was the captain of the Titanic. The boat carried most of the richest people in the world, in addition to many emigrants from Great Britain and Ireland, Scandinavia and elsewhere throughout Europe who were chasing the American dream. The first-class rooms were designed to be really comfortable and luxurious, with a gym, pool, libraries and fantastic restaurants. Even though Titanic had very good safety installations such as water-proof compartments and water-proof doors, it only had enough lifeboats for 1,178 persons, which was approximately fifty percent of the number of passengers on board, because of old sea safety rules. Titanic had sixteen lifeboat installations which could take down three lifeboats each, all together 48 boats. Nevertheless, Titanic had no more than twenty lifeboats, in addition four of them were folded away and hard to use during the disaster.

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Why did Titanic's first journey go so disastrously wrong? First of all, the boat hit an iceberg and none of the so-called watertight compartments worked as planned. Ironically, one of the chief designers of the ship, Thomas Andrews, ended his life as a victim of his own catastrophic mistake. Along with more than 1500 others, he found his grave in the North Atlantic Ocean in 1912. In addition to its poor design, the number of lifeboats onboard was nowhere near the number of passengers. One can only imagine the chaos and fear when people from all classes desperately were trying to make the few lifeboats inflate and work as a safe haven from the rapidly sinking liner.

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