

# Young Naturalist Awards 2013

## How to Avoid Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the work of another person without giving that person credit. It leads the reader to believe that the essay is original.

### What are some examples of plagiarism?

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### Here is an example of paraphrasing:

**Original:** A wolf pack is a very tightly-knit family group. There are usually between six and eight wolves in a pack, but some have as many as 30.

**Paraphrase:** Wolf packs usually have between six and eight wolves. Some packs have as many as 30. The pack is a very tightly-knit family group.

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