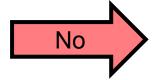# Plagiarism Checker

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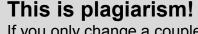
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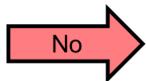The information consists of your own original ideas, conclusions, or critiques.

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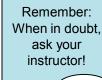
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