

## Avoiding Plagiarism—Even Paraphrases MUST be cited

The screenshot shows the Oxford Reference website. At the top, there is a cookie consent banner. Below it, the Oxford Reference logo is visible. The main content area is titled 'artificial intelligence' under the 'OVERVIEW' section. A 'QUICK REFERENCE' section contains the following text: 'The theory and development of computer systems able to perform tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages.' Below this, it says 'From: artificial intelligence in The Oxford Dictionary of Phrase and Fable' and 'Subjects: Science and technology — Psychology'. A callout box on the right side of the screenshot points to the 'QUICK REFERENCE' section and contains the text 'Original Source from the internet'.

### A Technical Definition of Artificial Intelligence

#### Sentence Definition

A theory in which computer systems demonstrate the ability to perform tasks that ordinarily require human intelligence.

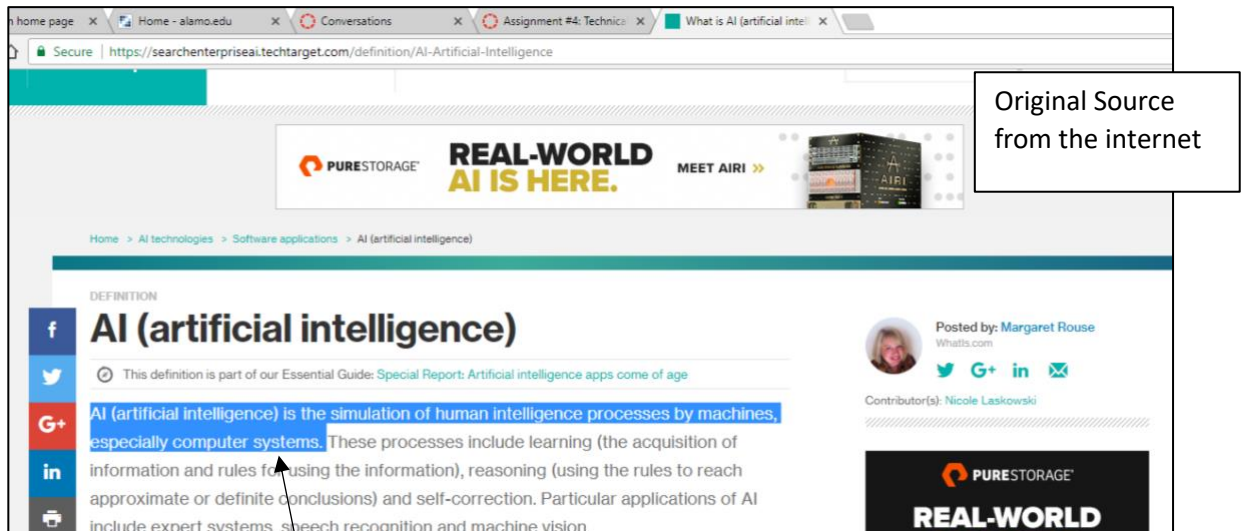


**This sentence definition is a paraphrase from the above article. It is problematic for two reasons:**

- A) the language is too close to the original and uses multi-word phrases without enclosing these direct borrowings inside quotation marks
- B) the student writers have not “cited” this paraphrase with an in-text citation (in APA format)

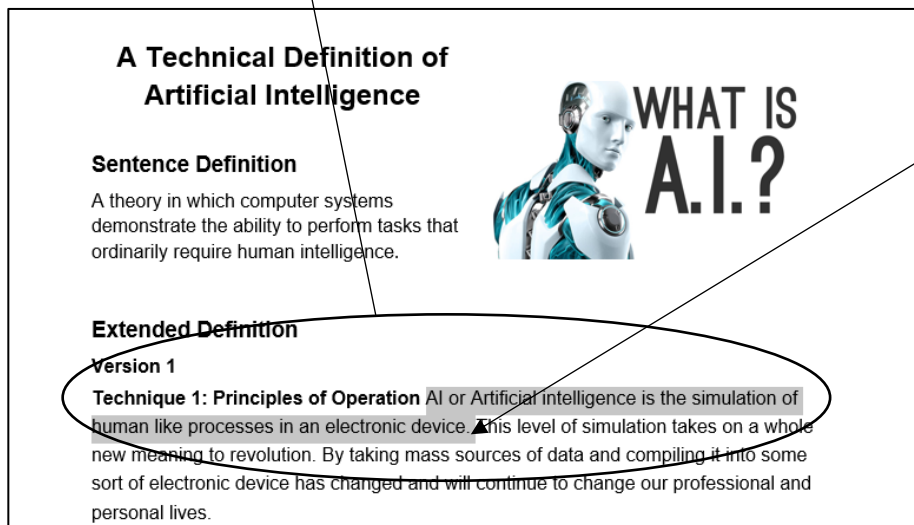
The reader thinks the student writers wrote these word, but they did not—and THAT’S A BIG PROBLEM.

## Avoiding Plagiarism—2<sup>nd</sup> example of paraphrasing needing to be cited



The screenshot shows a web browser with several tabs open. The active tab is titled "What is AI (artificial intell...". The address bar shows the URL: <https://searchenterpriseai.techtarget.com/definition/AI-Artificial-Intelligence>. The page features a banner for "PURESTORAGE REAL-WORLD AI IS HERE. MEET AIRI >>". Below the banner, the page is titled "AI (artificial intelligence)" and includes a definition: "AI (artificial intelligence) is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. These processes include learning (the acquisition of information and rules for using the information), reasoning (using the rules to reach approximate or definite conclusions) and self-correction. Particular applications of AI include expert systems, speech recognition and machine vision." The page is posted by Margaret Rouse and has a contributor Nicole Laskowski.

Original Source from the internet



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**Extended Definition**  
**Version 1**  
**Technique 1: Principles of Operation** AI or Artificial intelligence is the simulation of human like processes in an electronic device. This level of simulation takes on a whole new meaning to revolution. By taking mass sources of data and compiling it into some sort of electronic device has changed and will continue to change our professional and personal lives.

WHAT IS A.I.?

Directly after the paraphrased text, there needs to be a parenthetical citation.

**Not sure HOW to paraphrase so it is not too close to the original text?**

See this guide: [How to paraphrase a source](#)

See also the guide on [Successful vs. Unsuccessful Paraphrases](#)

**Not sure how to do in-text citations for APA?**

See my [Short Guide on APA Documentation](#)

See this [APA Quick Citation Guide](#)