POLICY ON REFERENCES AND PLAGIARISM

Any information you take from a book or article must be referenced in the text of your paper and the reference should be listed at the end (see attached for proper format).*

For example, here is a direct quote from a 1983 paper by Young and Ratcliff: "Firstly it is clear that, taken together, studies of normal and clinical subject populations provide completely convincing evidence of right hemisphere superiorities for at least some aspects of visuospatial information processing."

Here are ACCEPTABLE ways of using this information in your paper:

1) According to Young and Ratcliff (1983) there is good evidence for right hemisphere superiority for some types of visuospatial processing. (Note: there are no quotes because I paraphrased their words)

OR

2) There is strong evidence for right hemisphere predominance for visuospatial processing (Young and Ratcliff, 1983).

OR

3) Young and Ratcliff (1983) state that "...studies of normal and clinical subject populations provide completely convincing evidence of right hemisphere superiorities for at least some aspects of visuospatial information processing." (Note: quotes are required when you cite something word for word)

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1) The right hemisphere is superior for visuospatial processing. (Note: Bad - no reference is given)

OR

2) There is completely convincing evidence of right hemisphere superiorities for at least some aspects of visuospatial information processing. (Note: Really bad - this is a direct quote of someone else's words, but there is no reference given and no quotation marks. Any paper with such statements will receive an automatic F - no exceptions - this is blatant plagiarism. To be on the safe side, it's better to paraphrase your sources, and make sure the reference is given in the text.)

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