What is SafeAssign?

You can use SafeAssign to prevent plagiarism and to create opportunities to help students identify how to properly attribute sources rather than paraphrase. SafeAssign is effective as both a deterrent and an educational tool.

The SafeAssignments Process

SafeAssign is based on a unique text matching algorithm capable of detecting exact and inexact matching between a paper and source material. SafeAssignments are compared against several different databases containing millions of articles dating from the 1990s to the present.

SafeAssign compares submitted assignments against a set of academic papers to identify areas of overlap between the submitted assignment and existing works.

SafeAssignments are compared against several different databases, including:

- Internet: Comprehensive index of documents available for public access on the internet.
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SafeAssign Originality Report

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