

The *Fascinating World* of Academic Integrity at MIT



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Overview

1. Academic Integrity
2. Plagiarism
3. Incorporating sources
4. Citation
5. Documenting your research



**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
QUESTIONS I AM ASKED
EVERY SEMESTER**

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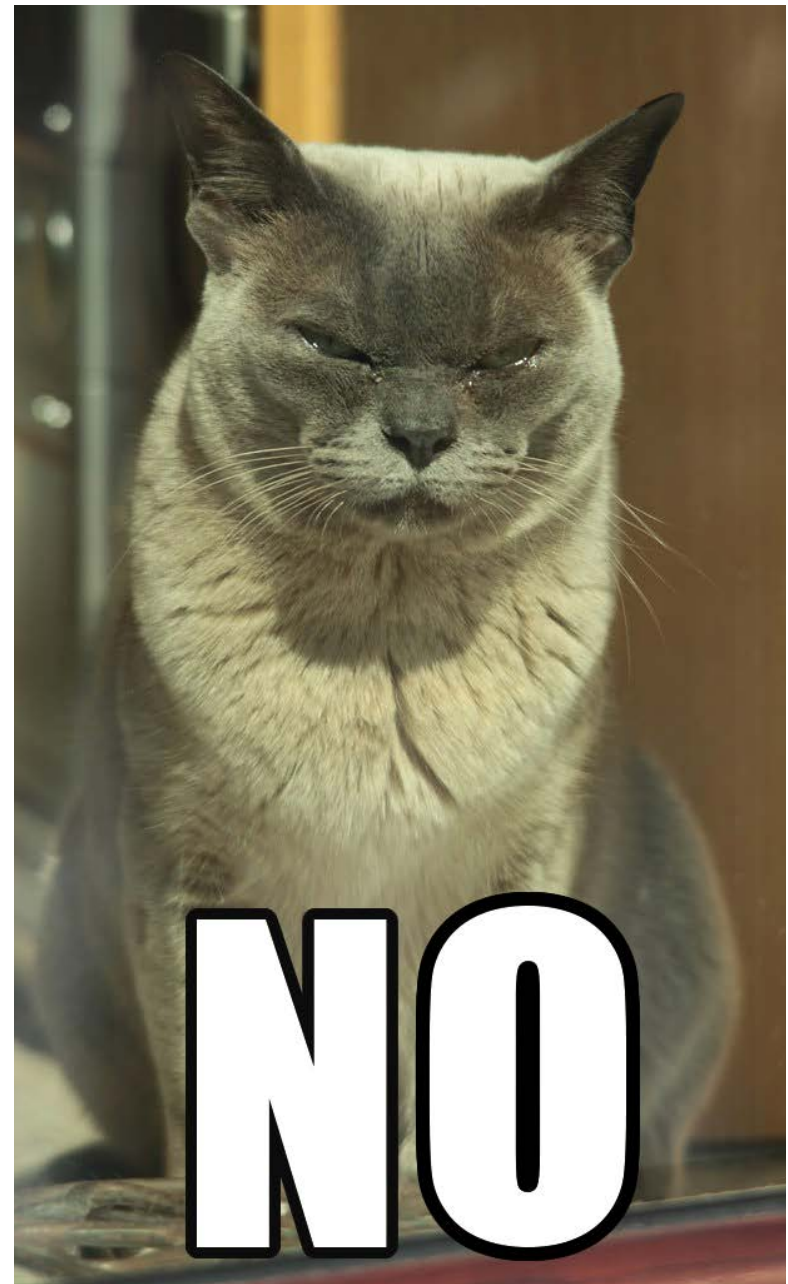


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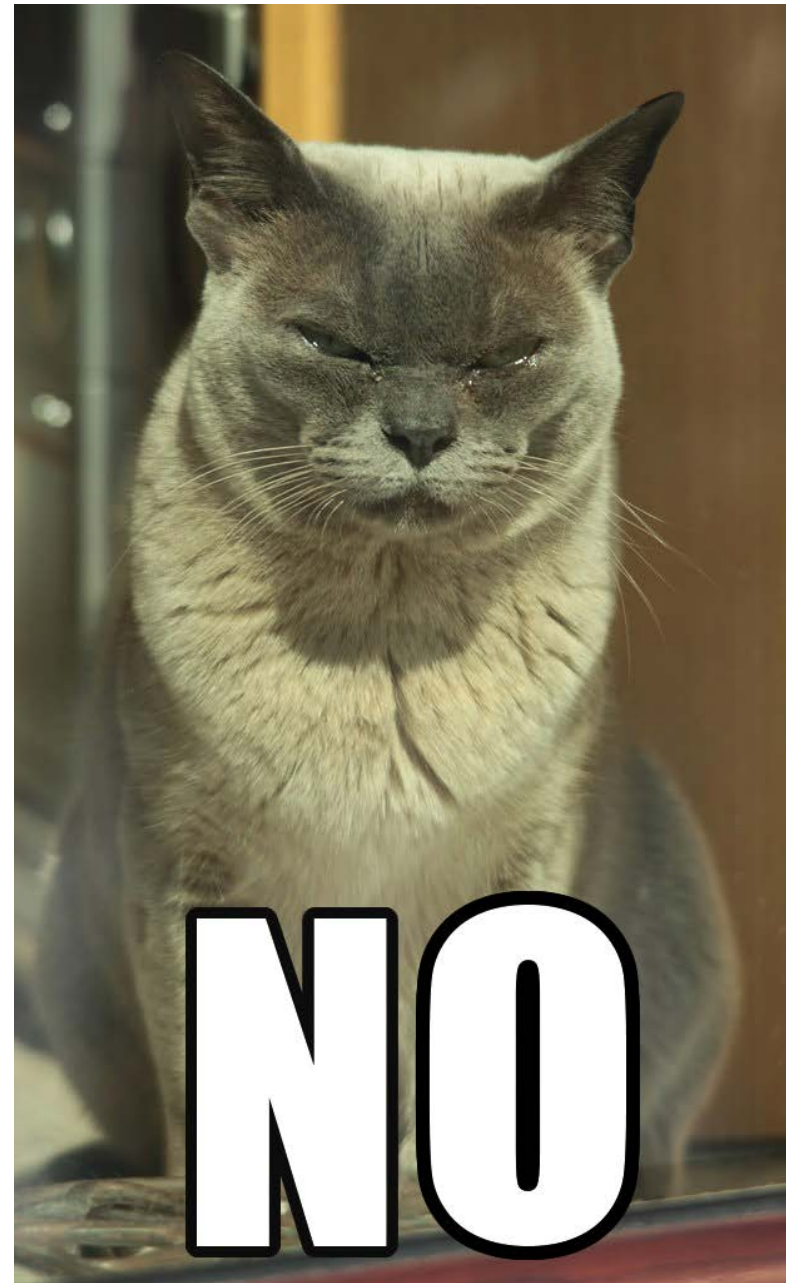


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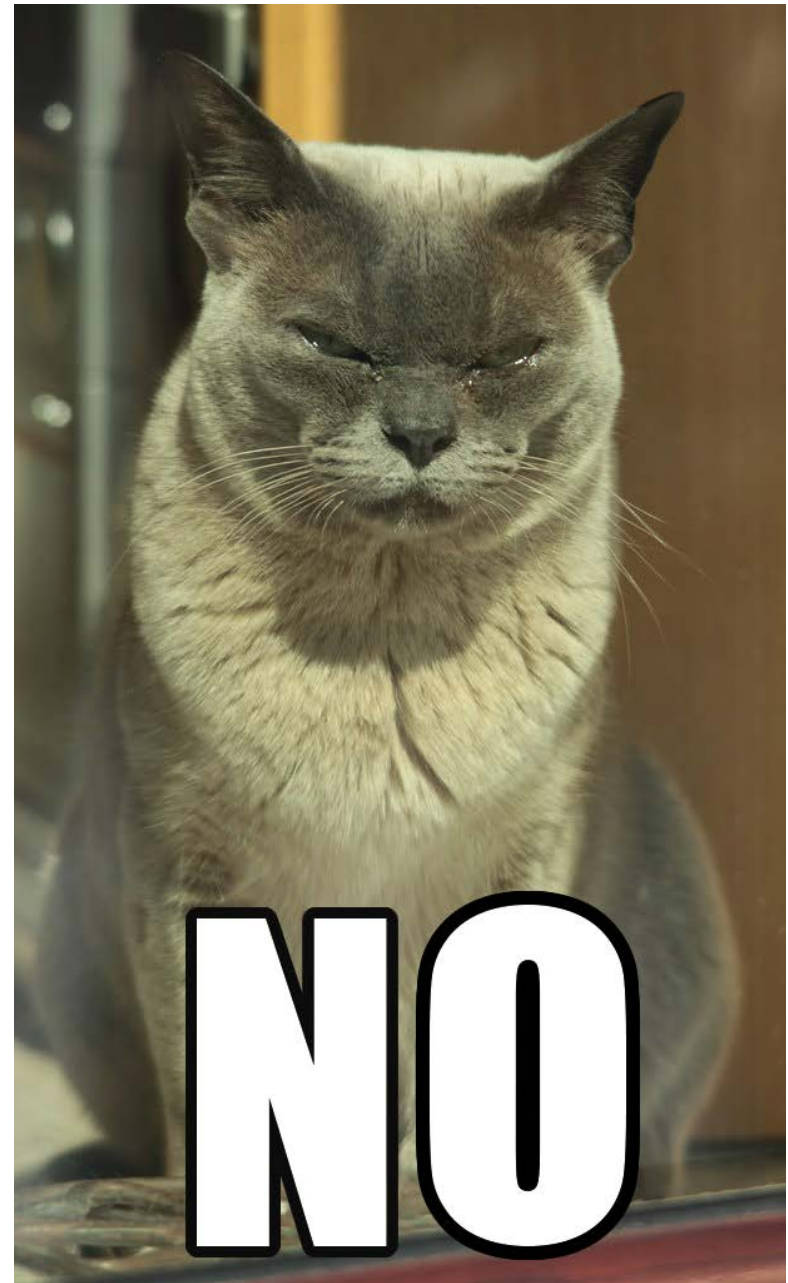
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WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?



“Plagiarism occurs when you use another’s words, ideas, assertions, data, or figures and do not acknowledge that you have done so.”

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Real life examples!



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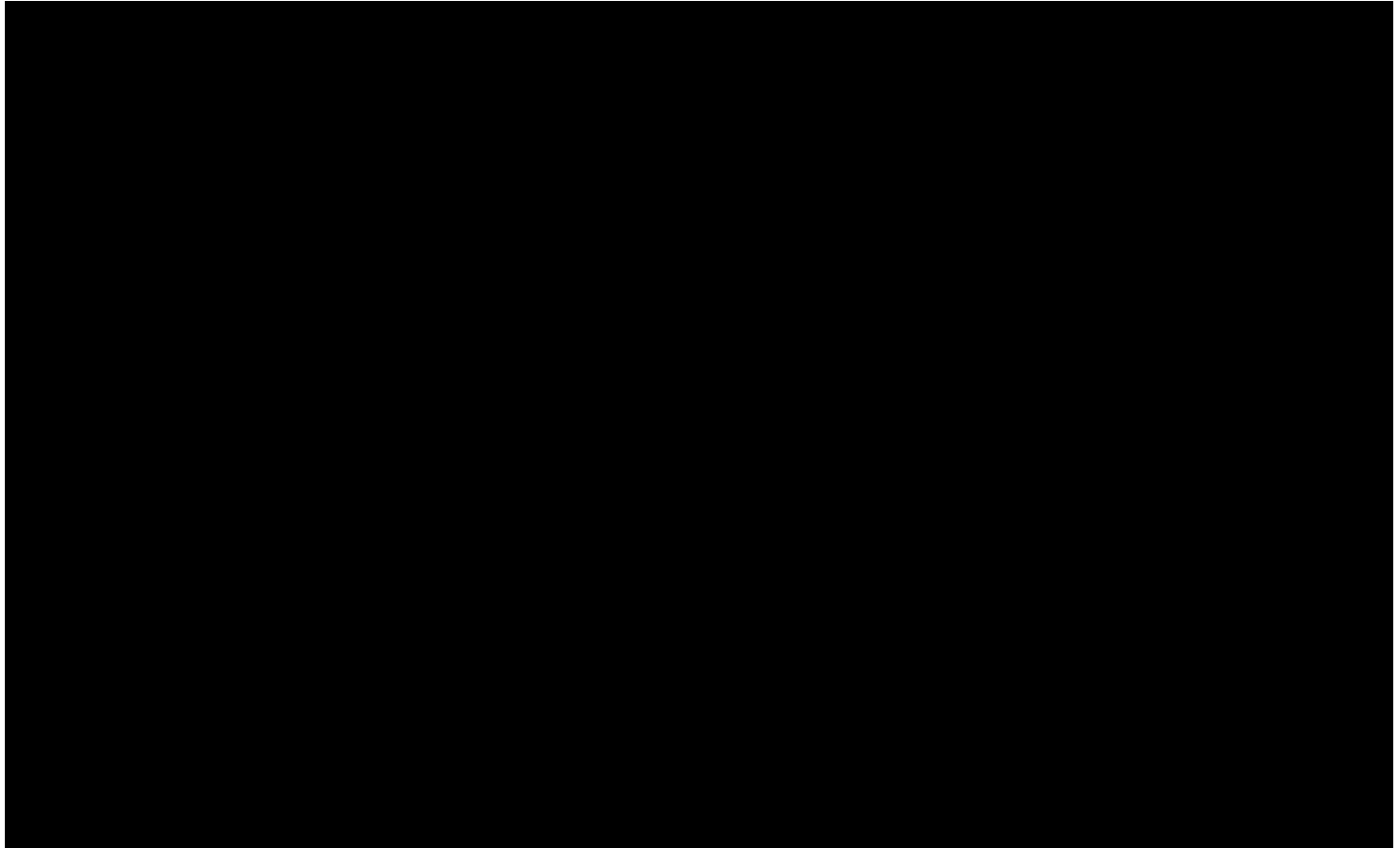


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Melania Trump's RNC Speech



Source: Wall Street Journal , Published on Jul 19, 2016

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9_KGQPGNoQ

Changing a few words doesn't make it yours.

Michelle Obama:

...**that your word is your bond**, that **you do what you say you're going to do**. **That you treat people with** dignity and **respect**...

Melania Trump:

...**that your word is your bond** and **you do what you say** and keep your promise. **That you treat people with respect**...

Not Plagiarism:

In a 2008 speech, Michelle Obama explains that keeping promises is essential. In addition, she says that it's important to be **respectful** of others.

An Amazing coincidence?



Ed Sheeran

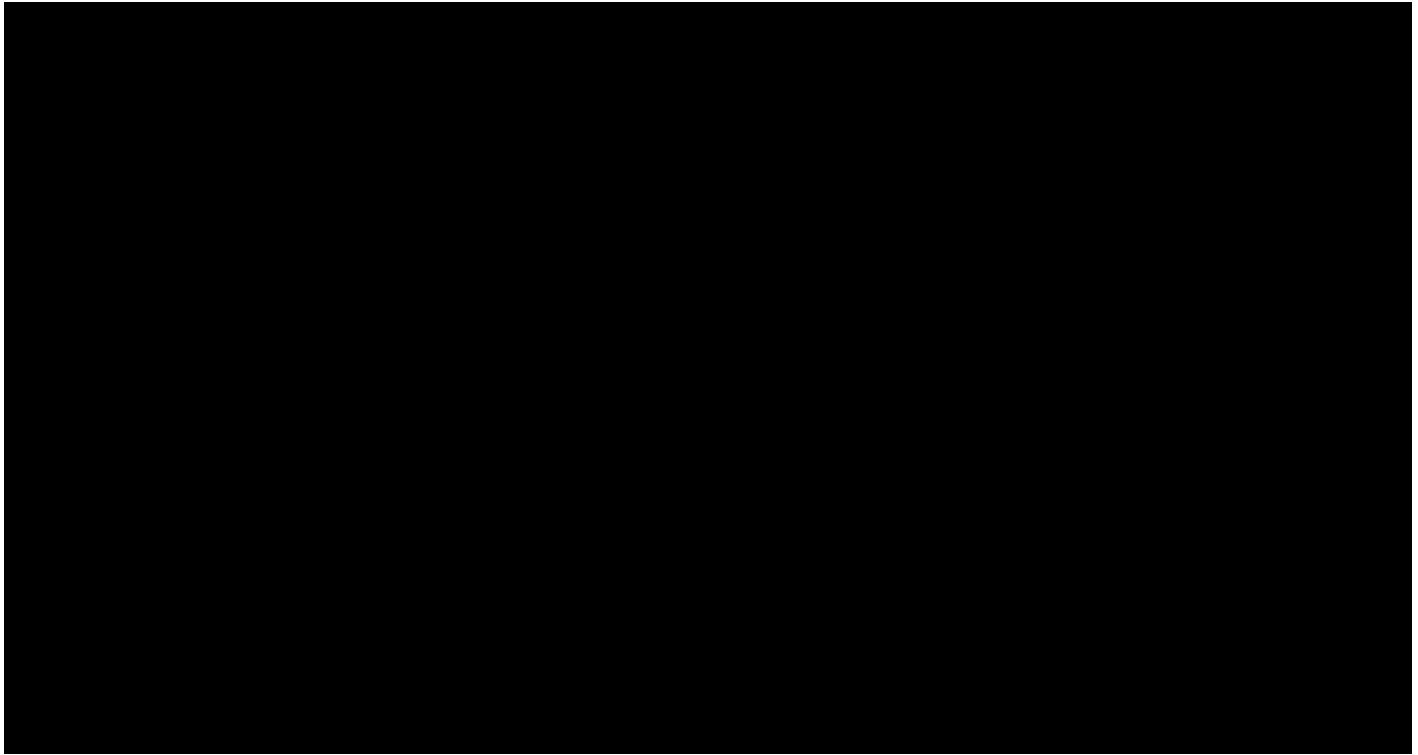
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Matthew Cardle

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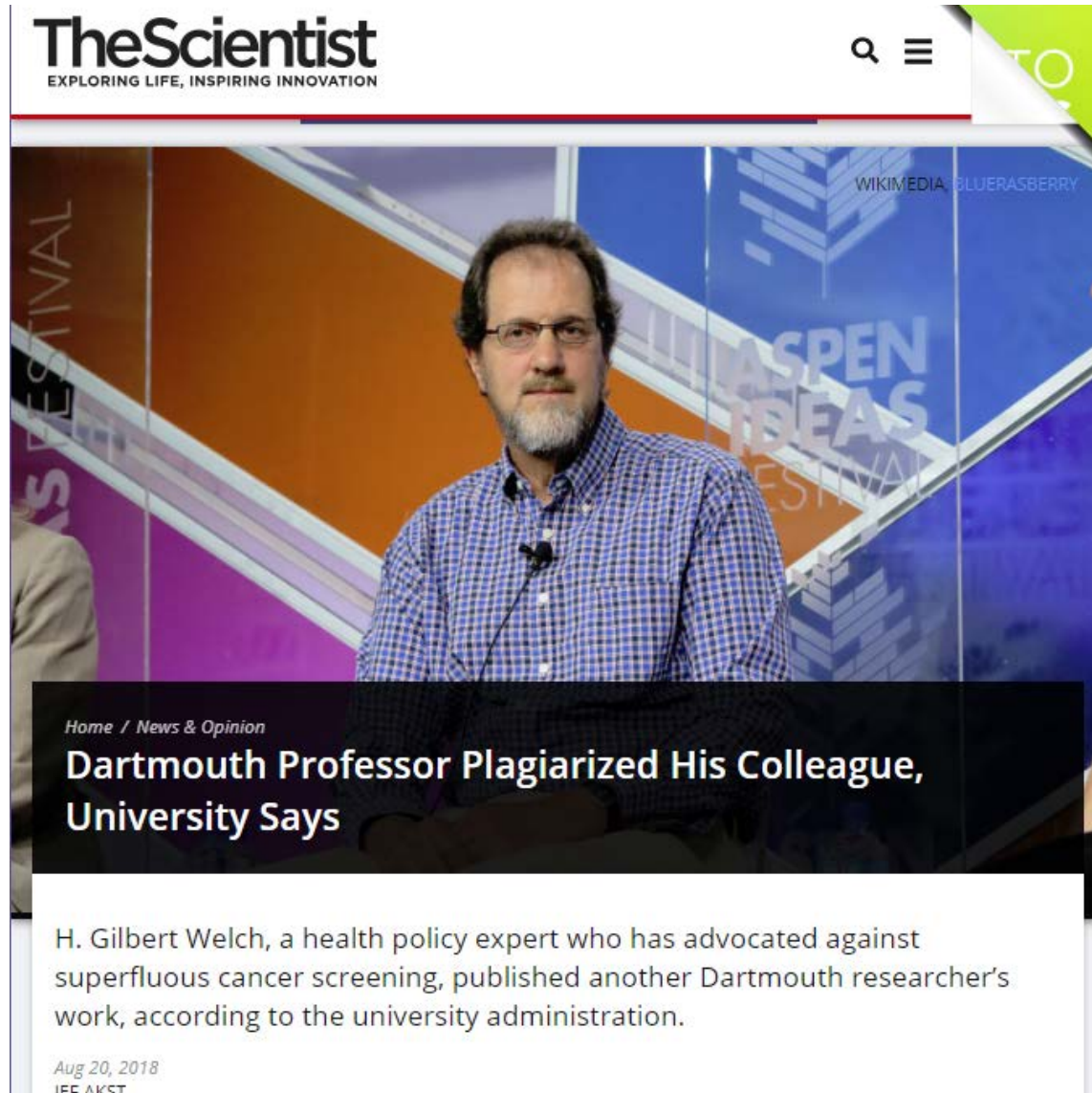
“Amazing” VS. “Photograph”



Video: “Does Ed Sheeran (Photograph) plagiarize
Matt Cardle (Amazing) - Comparison & Mashup”

by AL MASHUPS – Adrian Liao <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3YFOaLiUsY>

Dartmouth Prof Plagiarizes



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How can I use outside sources without plagiarizing?

- Quote
- Paraphrase
- Summarize
- Cite your sources



HOW TO CITE

Ask your professor which style to use

Chicago

Volodina, Elena V., Ilya A. Volodin, Elena V. Chelysheva, and Roland Frey. 2018. "Hiss and Snort Call Types of Wild-Living Giraffes *Giraffa Camelopardalis*: Acoustic Structure and Context." *BMC Research Notes* 11 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13104-017-3103-x>.

MLA

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Cite sources in the text

(APA style)

According to a study by **Mitchell, Roberts, Sittert, and Skinner (2013)**, “The long neck of giraffes did not evolve as a weapon in males. The more likely selective advantage of a long neck was improvement of access to high-level browse” (p. 8).

However, some other scientists disagree. For instance, **Volodina (2018)** claims that giraffes’ extremely long necks developed as part

AND in the bibliography

(APA style)

Mitchell, G., Roberts, D., Sittert, S., & Skinner, J. D. (2013). Growth patterns and masses of the heads and necks of male and female giraffes. *Journal of Zoology*, 290(1), 49–57.
doi:10.1111/jzo.12013

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Zerbinakoviski, S., Radonskiola, G. & Litzuhaniatovianok, M. (2018).
Why cats are so much better than giraffes in every way: The

Citation is important

1. To show that you have done your research.
2. To give credit to others for their work.
3. To point your readers to sources that may be useful to them.
4. To allow your readers to check your sources if there are questions.

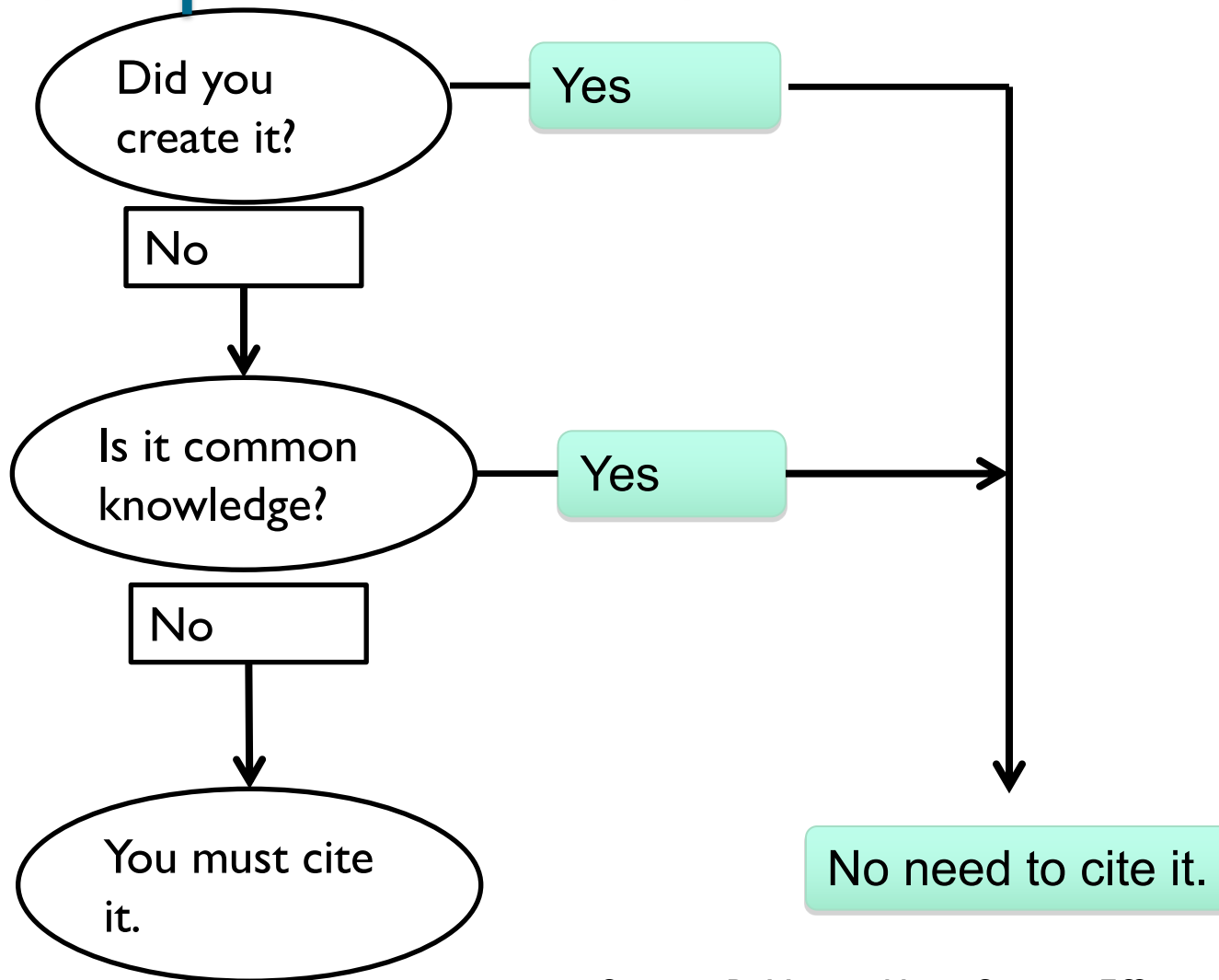
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Simplified version



Source: R. Harris, *Using Sources Effectively*, 2002.

Should you cite this?

In your paper, you state that giraffes have long necks, something you observed while reading a book about giraffes.

NO.

Should you cite this?

In a research paper, you learn that contrary to popular belief, male giraffes developed long necks so that they could eat leaves from the tops of trees—not so they could use their necks to fight each other. You use this fact in your paper.

YES.

Should you cite this?

You conduct an interview about a technical subject with an MIT professor. You make your own notes. In your research paper, you use information from the interview.

YES.

Should you cite this?

While researching a paper on Queen Elizabeth I, you find the comparison that she was the “Miley Cyrus of the Renaissance” on a blog and you use it in your paper.

YES.

Imagine this scenario

You write a paper with **10 different sources** and include a full bibliography.

Unfortunately, you don't remember exactly which fact came from which source. Therefore, you didn't cite within the text.

The paper is due in **one hour**.

Oops! Forgot to document!!



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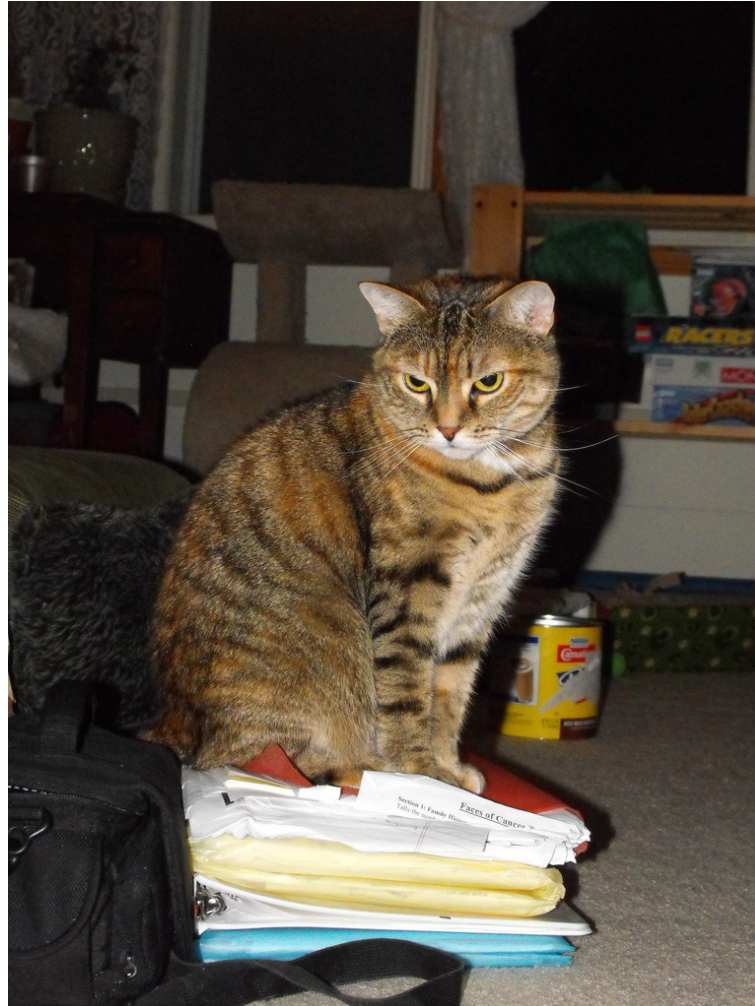


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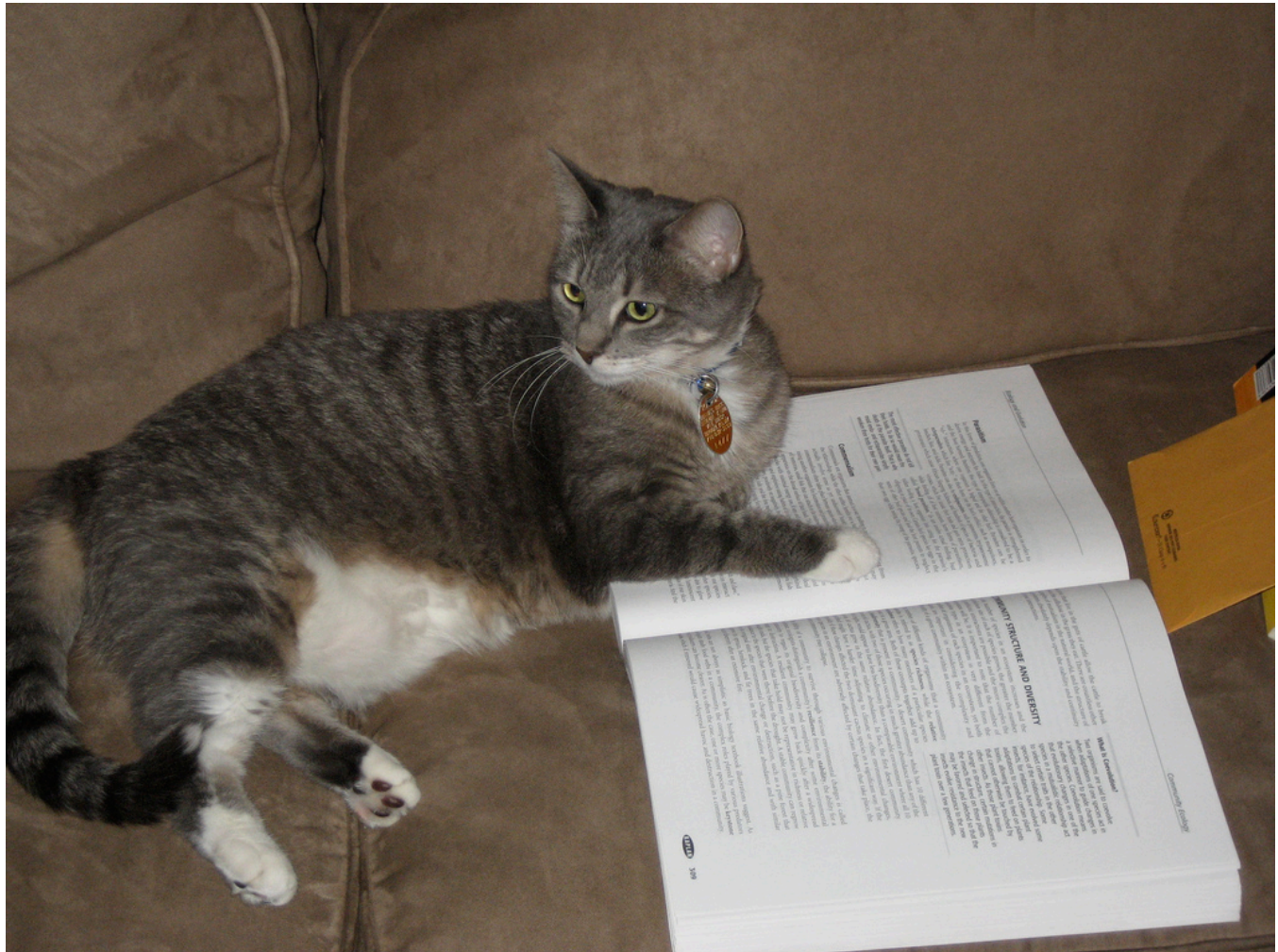


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Write your paper, citing each source, then make a bibliography



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Search the online library for sources

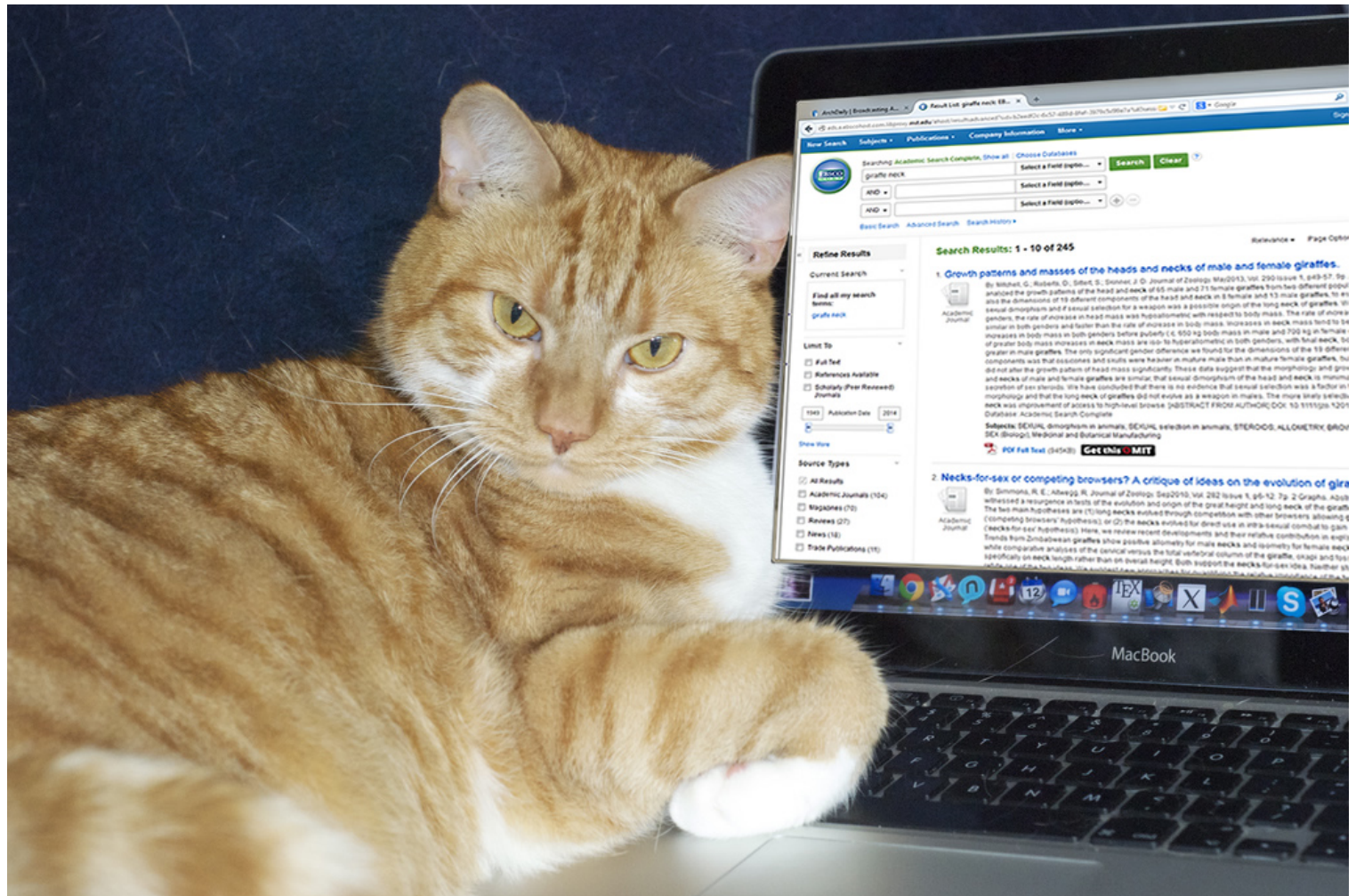


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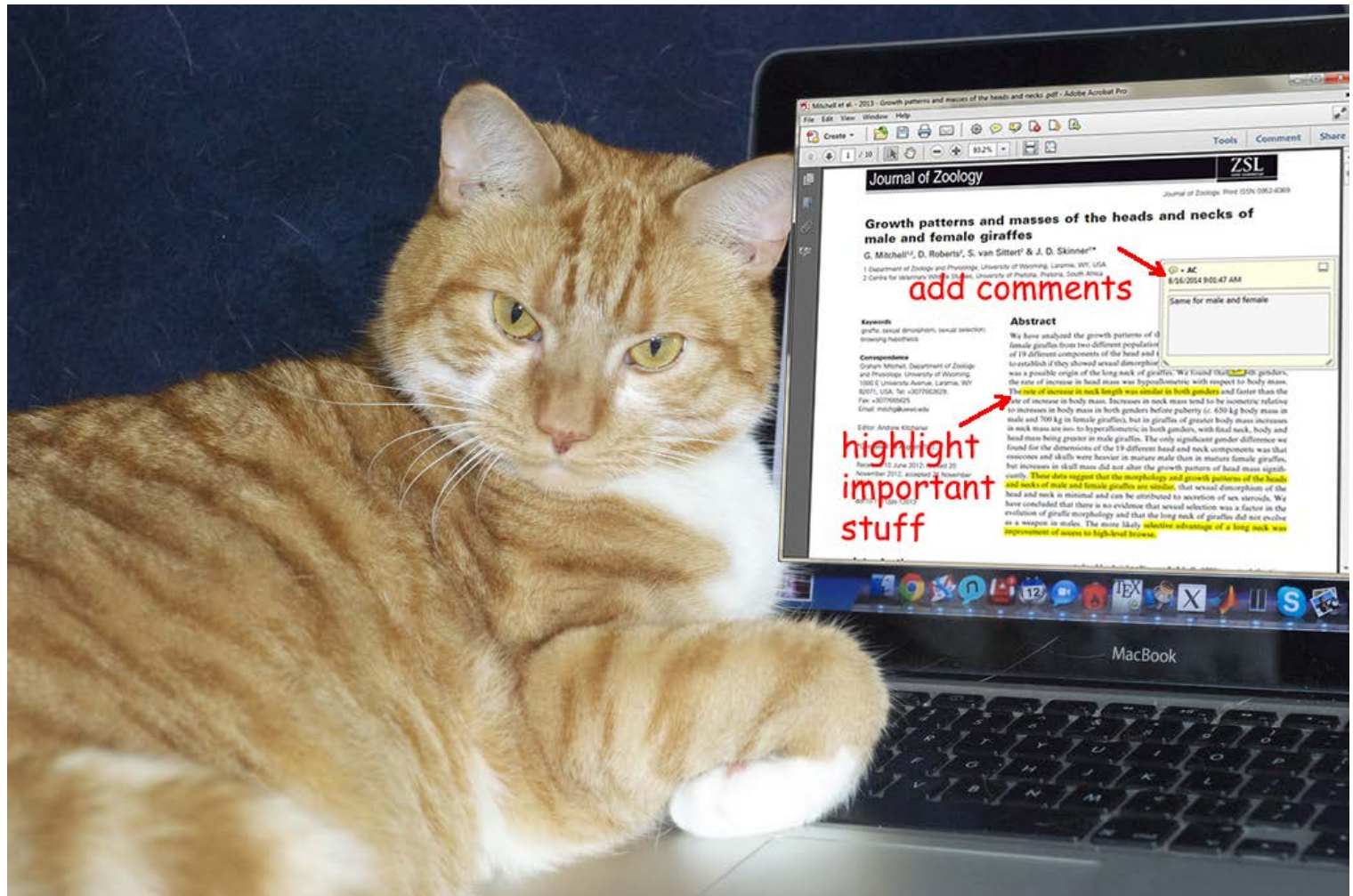


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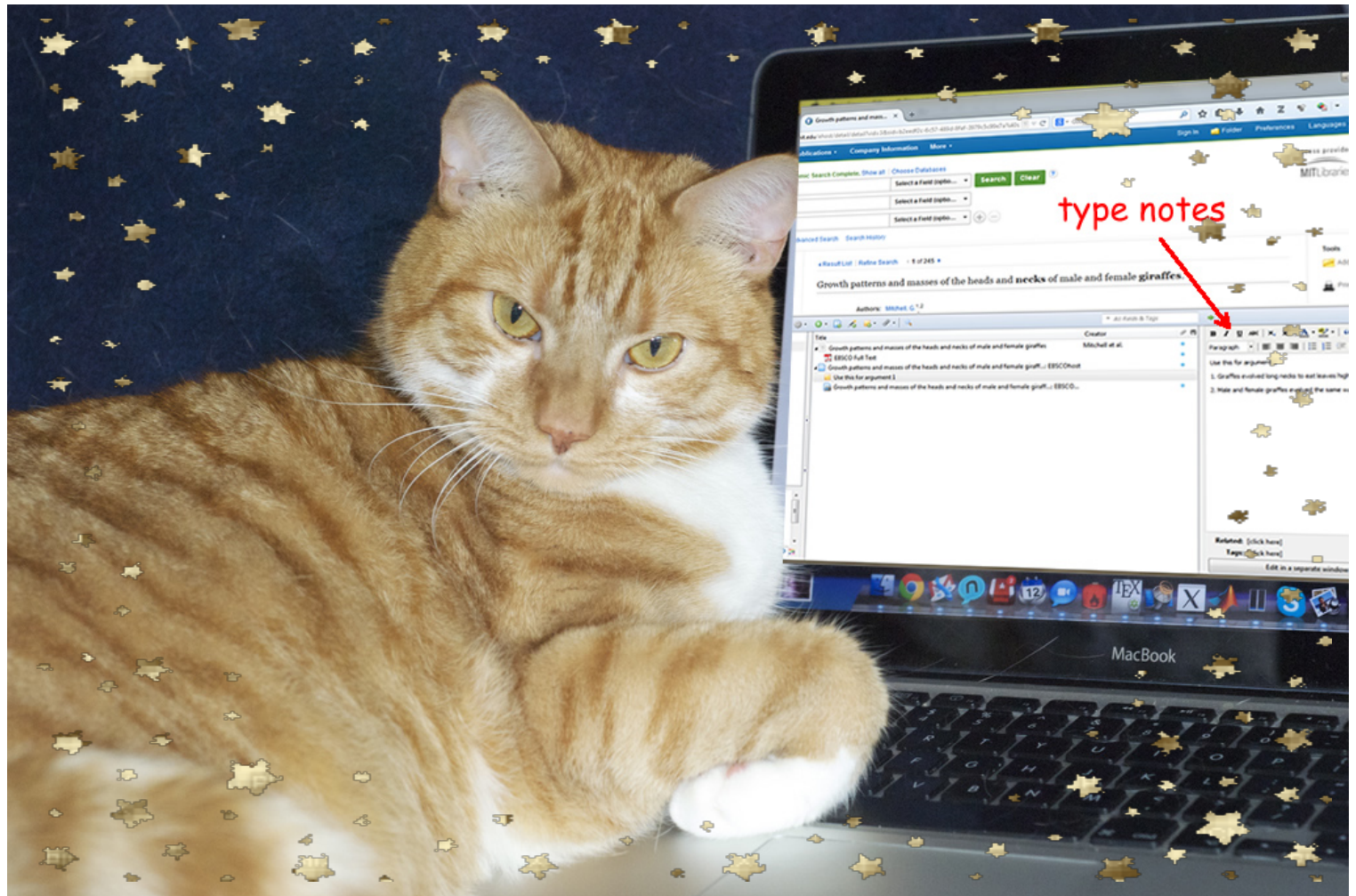


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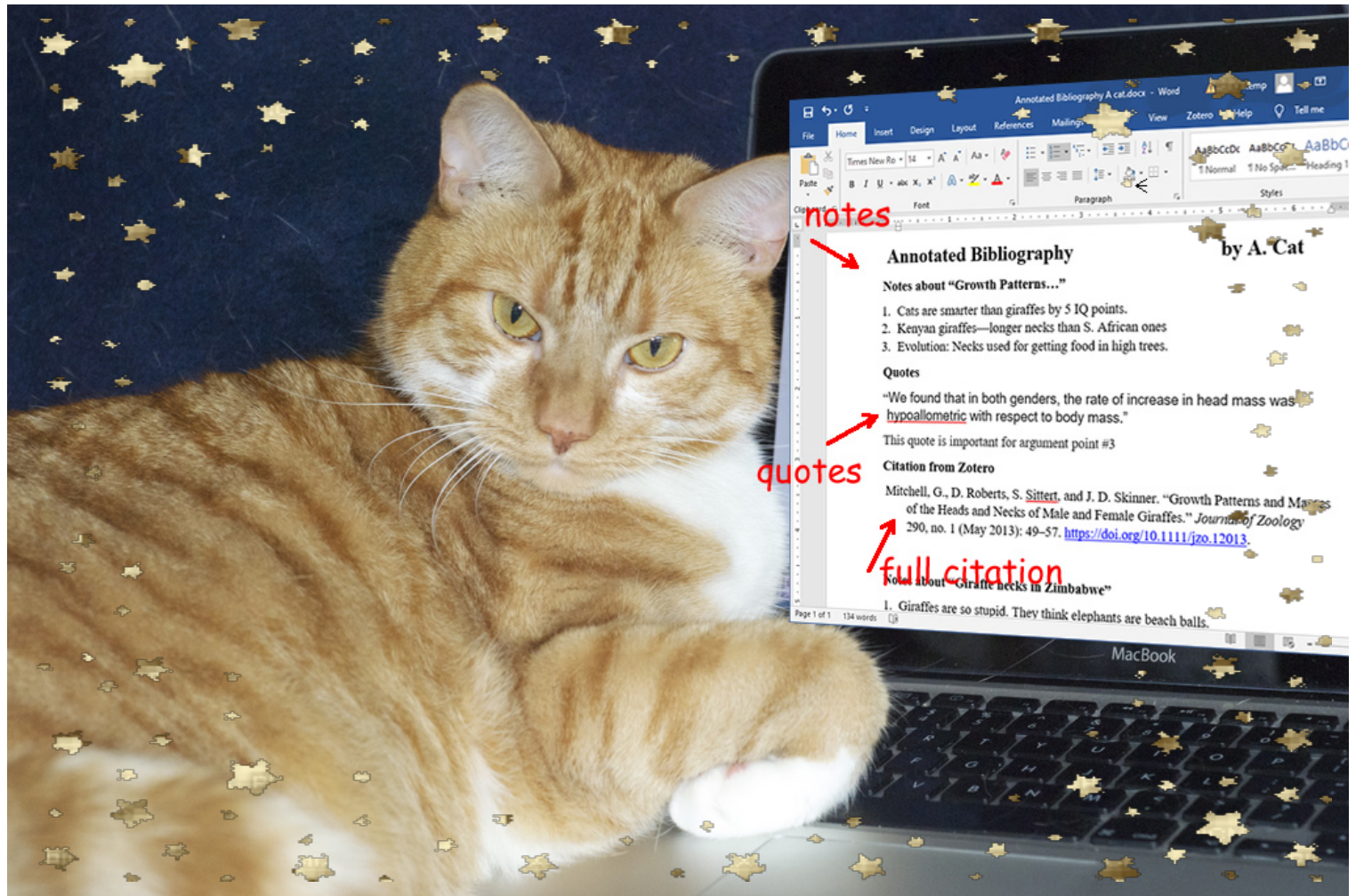


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Write your paper, adding in-text citations as you go

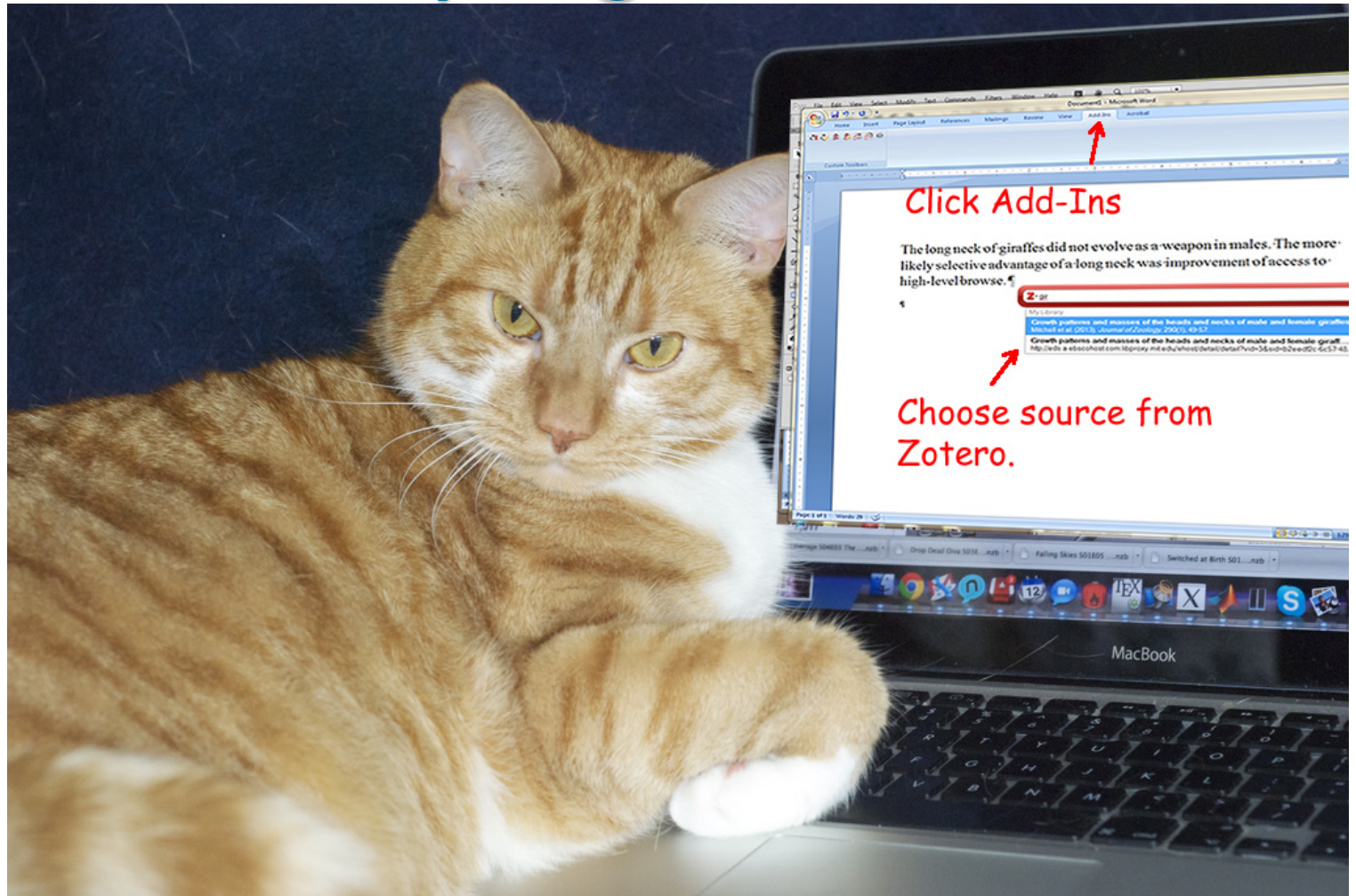


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Automatically create a bibliography and you're done!

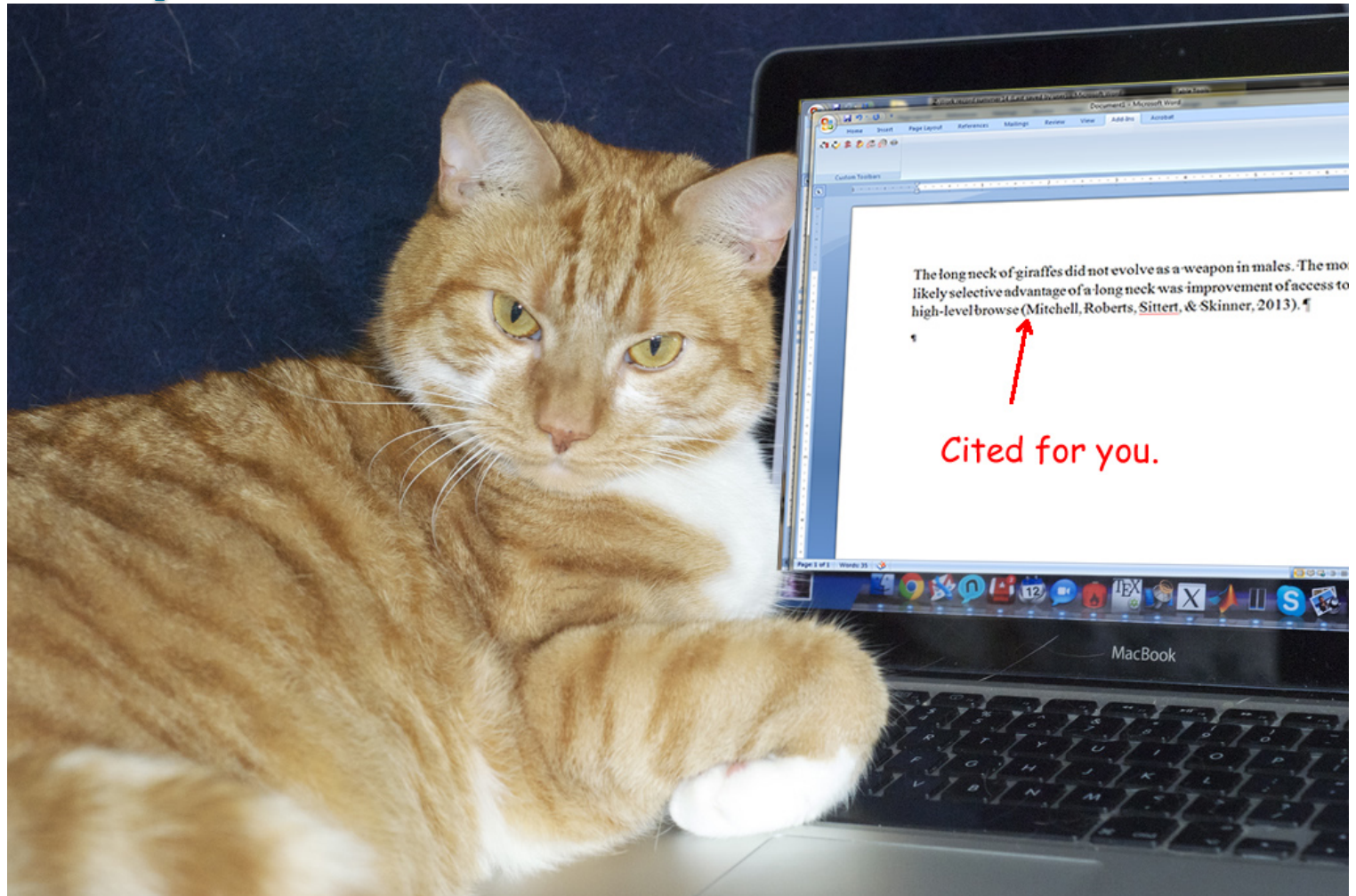


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Summary

1. Do your own work
2. Document your research
3. Remember to cite
4. Success!



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