

English 101
Plagiarism/paraphrasing exercise

Read the following passages and answer the two questions. Use the back of the sheet if necessary.

Original passage: There is considerable evidence that women in Bodie were rarely the victims of crime. Between 1878 and 1882 only one woman, a prostitute, was robbed, and there were no reported cases of rape. (There is no evidence that rapes occurred but were not reported.)

Paraphrase 1: According to McGrath, women in Bodie rarely suffered at the hands of criminals. Between 1878 and 1882, the only female robbery victim was a prostitute. Also, rape seemed nonexistent, with no reported cases and no evidence that unreported cases occurred (McGrath 20).

Paraphrase 2: According to McGrath (20), there is much evidence that women in Bodie were seldom crime victims. Between 1878 and 1882 only one woman, a prostitute, was robbed, and there were no reported rapes. There is no evidence that unreported cases of rape occurred (McGrath 20).

1. Is Paraphrase 1 acceptable or is the writer guilty of plagiarism? Explain your answer and how to fix the problem if it is present.
2. Is Paraphrase 2 acceptable or is the writer guilty of plagiarism? Explain your answer and how to fix the problem if it is present.