Example

**2. Sally has a writing assignment due. She has written about the topic before in a previous course and received 100% on that paper. She decides to include several paragraphs from her previous work in her current paper.**

This scenario is an example of self-plagiarism as Sally copied work she had completed in a previous course and applied it to a new assignment in a different course. According to the American Psychological Association (2020), *“Self-plagiarism*is the act of presenting one’s own previously published work as original; it misleads readers and falsely inflates the number of publications on a topic” (p. 21). Sally should have presented new material for her most recent course in order to avoid self-plagiarism.

**Reference**

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