Turnitin Similarity Report

More than a similarity score

The Turnitin Similarity Report is a powerful tool that quickly identifies unoriginal or improperly cited student writing by highlighting similarities to the world's largest collection of internet, academic and student paper content.

Each Similarity Report generates a similarity score which is the percentage of matching or similar text that has been uncovered. The similarity score is not a determination of plagiarism. The decision to deem any work plagiarized should be made only after careful examination of both the submitted paper and the suspect sources, not by simply viewing the similarity score.

While the Similarity Report is a great resource to check student work for possible plagiarism, the true power of the report is realized when it's used as a formative assessment tool to strengthen academic writing skills and improve outcomes.
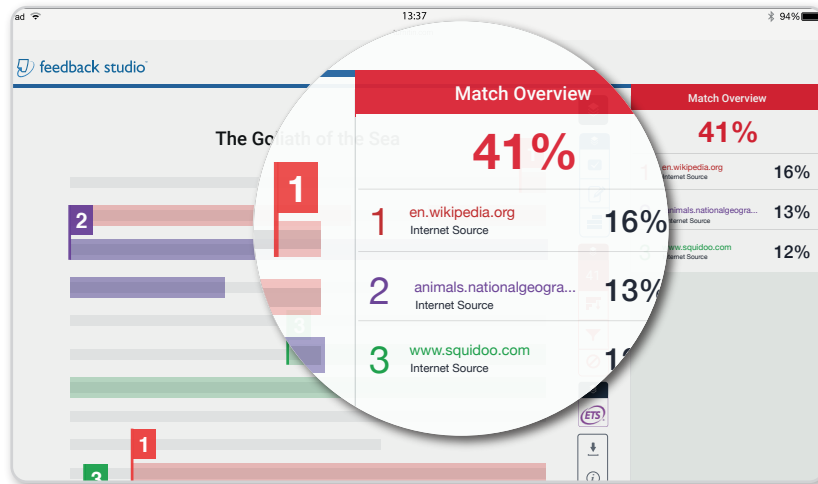
5 ways to use the Similarity Report to improve student outcomes:

1. Teach students about the different types of plagiarism and how to properly attribute sources, including self-citation.

2. Increase students' respect for intellectual property and reinforce the value of authentic work.

3. Improve students' writing by teaching them the uses of and distinctions between quotations, paraphrases and summaries.

4. Help students identify their strengths and weaknesses and target areas that need work.

5. Use unlimited drafts to empower students to check their work and improve before final submission.

Navigating the similarity report

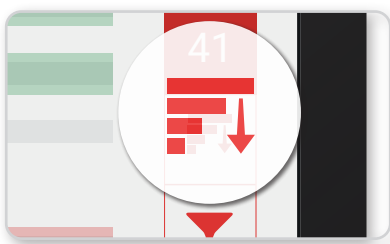## Similarity Score and Match Overview

Similarity Score

This number is the similarity score, which indicates what percentage of the paper matches to Turnitin's databases. It is perfectly normal for an assignment to match against some of our databases.
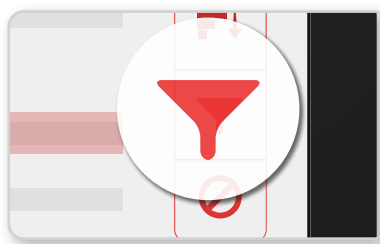
Match Overview

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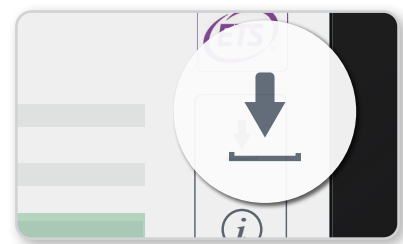
All sources, filters and downloads

Similarity Score

The All Sources button displays all of the sources that have been found and sorts them by highest percentage match.

Filters and Settings

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