Plagiarism Statement to include in syllabi for ESL 061 and 062

When you do homework for this class, it must be your own work. You must not plagiarize, which means that you must not take the words or the work of another person and call it your own. Plagiarism is considered dishonest in American society. It is considered a kind of lie: saying that something is your work when it is not. Students can be disciplined (or in extreme cases, even expelled from a college or university) for plagiarism, and writers can lose their jobs for that reason.

The saddest thing for students is that plagiarism does not help you learn.

When you do any homework, especially compositions, you must NOT copy phrases or sentences from another piece of writing (not from another student, not from a book, not from the internet -- not from anyone or anything!).

If you do include words from someone else, you must copy them exactly, put them in quotation marks, and tell exactly where you got them. It must be absolutely clear to any reader that they are not your words.

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