

Case #4: The study partners

Lisa and Stephanie are roommates taking the same course but from different professors. They both have to write a 6-8 page synthesis essay with at least 10 sources and the deadline is in just a few days. Luckily, they decided to pick the same topic so they could share ideas with one another: their topic is “the prevalence of ACL injuries among rock climbers.” To speed things up, Lisa and Stephanie each find five sources and then share them. When it comes time to write their papers, Lisa and Stephanie share ideas about how to incorporate their 10 sources and proceed to write independently.

Have Lisa and/or Stephanie plagiarized?