

Identifying Plagiarism

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Plagiarism or Not?

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Devices in the iPod range are primarily digital audio players, designed around a central click wheel — although the iPod shuffle has buttons also.

Plagiarism or Not?

An iPod is an MP3 player that lets you choose and play songs to listen to using a click wheel (or on older versions, buttons).

Original Passage

He was a very silent man by custom.

Plagiarism or Not?

He was usually a quiet person.

Original Passage

A letter of thanks is a courteous acknowledgment of a gift or of something that was done for you.

Plagiarism or Not?

A thank you note is a polite acknowledgment of a present or something nice someone did for you.