But this is how we do it in my country.
Oh! I wasn’t aware, I am an international student.
But my previous teachers loved it when I used exact verbatim from the book.
But it is disrespectful to that author or the researcher to change their words.
But I am not used to writing essays.
I was desperate because my parents have high expectations of me.
Only the authors or the researchers are the authority and thus, only they have the right to change words. I can’t change the words, I am not an expert.
But I didn’t mean to plagiarize.
But I just forgot to go back and add the references!
I just wasn’t careful enough to make the writing my own words!
But I’m presenting facts, not ideas.
But this writer said it so much better than I can.
But plagiarism only applies to term papers or English classes.