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The Types and Severity of Plagiarism Violations

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Half-a-half

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Half-hearted

Plagiarism Severity Meter: How Serious is the Violation?

Insanely

Extremely

Terribly

Immensely

Profoundly

Hugely

Remarkably

Very, Very

Very

Quite

Notably

Somewhat

Mildly

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