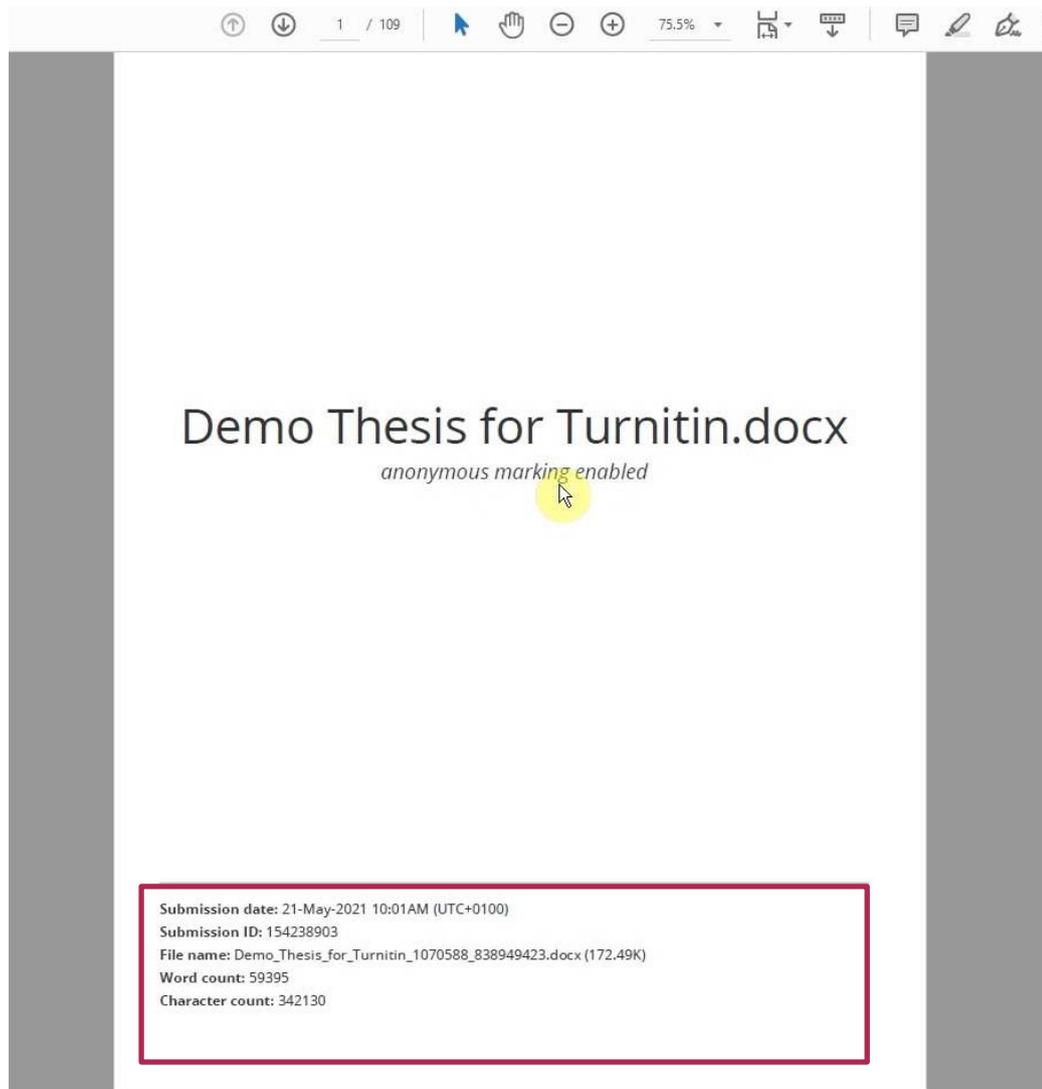


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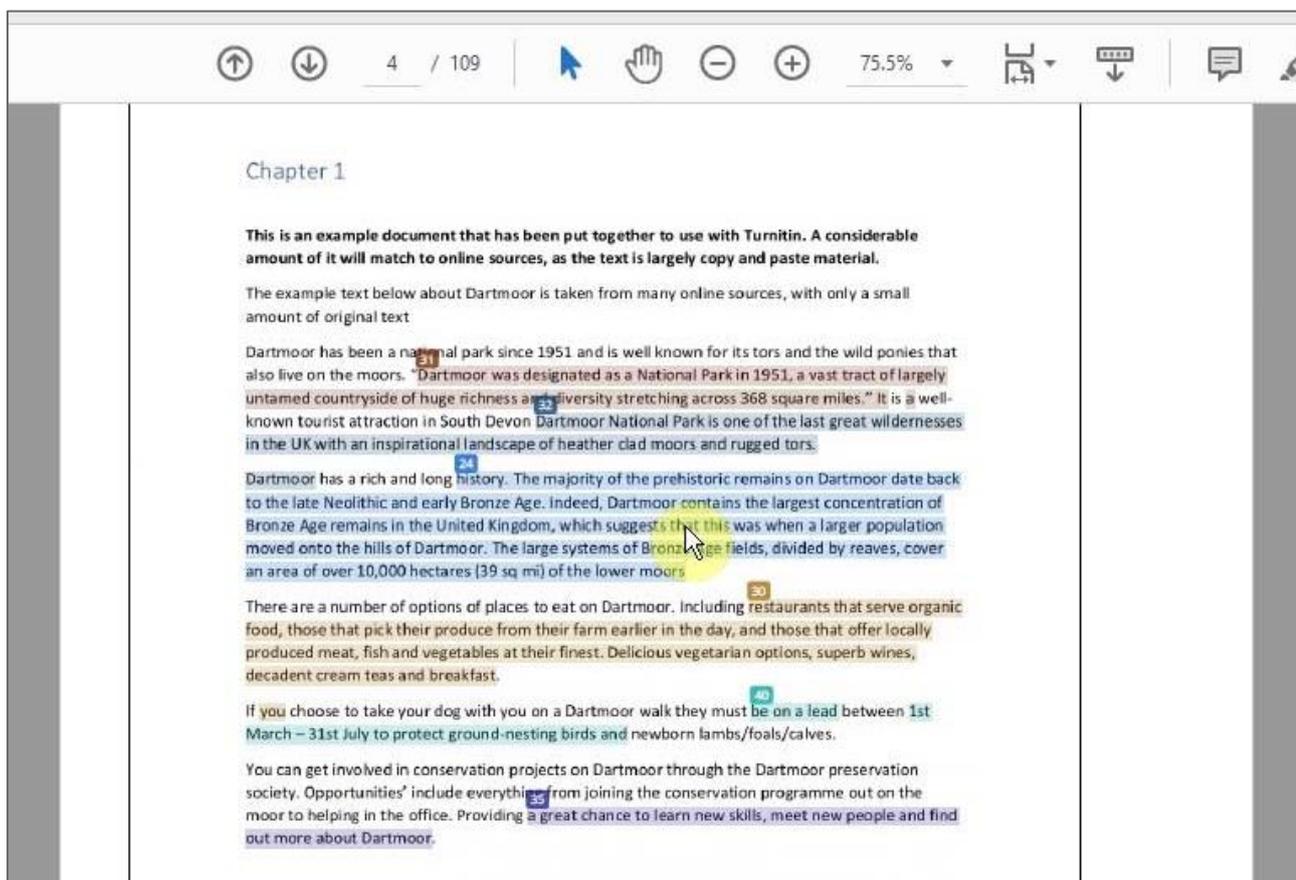


Once you are into the main part of the document you will start to see different highlighted colours, each with a number. This signifies the highlighted texts matches to a source online. At the bottom of the report in the summary, you can look at the matches using the corresponding number.



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Each different coloured highlight and number signifies a different online match. The example below has been deliberately taken from online sources in parts to show the mix of original text and text that appears online somewhere. Many matches we see through Turnitin can be due to issues with academic writing such as poor referencing or paraphrasing, or there are certain things that can only be written in a way, such as the chapter listings above. It is important to note that not all text matches indicate plagiarism.



Chapter 1

This is an example document that has been put together to use with Turnitin. A considerable amount of it will match to online sources, as the text is largely copy and paste material.

The example text below about Dartmoor is taken from many online sources, with only a small amount of original text

Dartmoor has been a national park since 1951 and is well known for its tors and the wild ponies that also live on the moors. ³¹ Dartmoor was designated as a National Park in 1951, a vast tract of largely untamed countryside of huge richness and ³² diversity stretching across 368 square miles." It is a well-known tourist attraction in South Devon. Dartmoor National Park is one of the last great wildernesses in the UK with an inspirational landscape of heather clad moors and rugged tors.

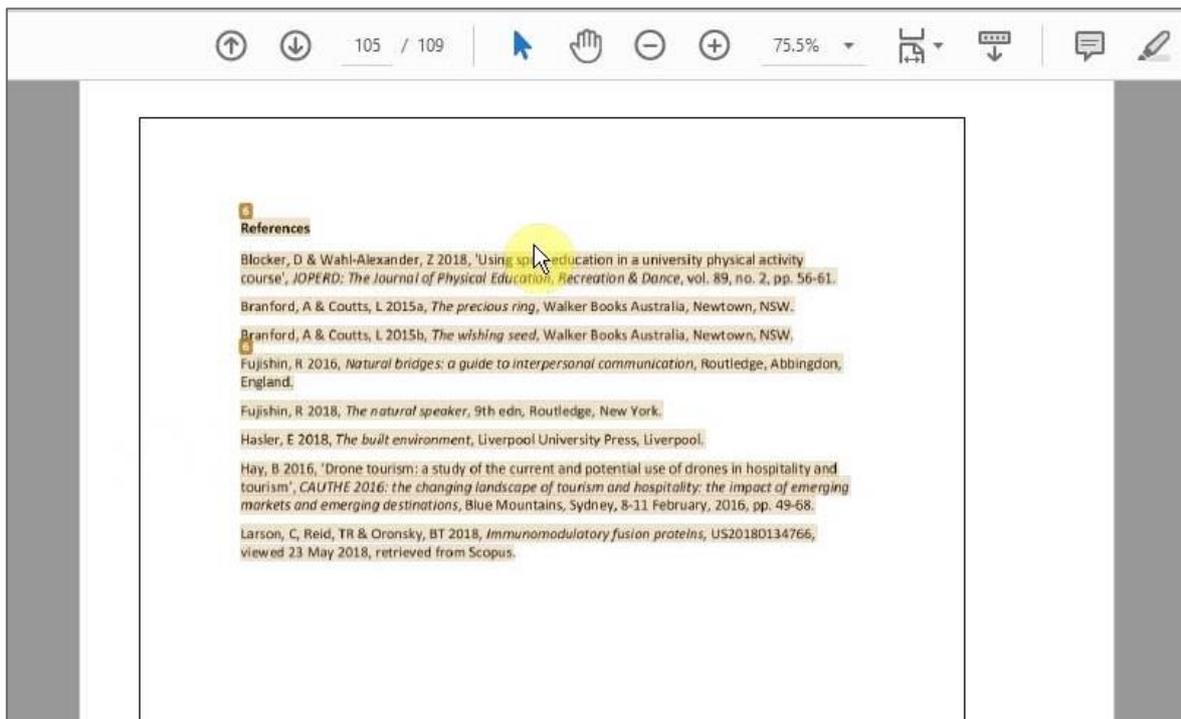
Dartmoor has a rich and long ²⁴ history. The majority of the prehistoric remains on Dartmoor date back to the late Neolithic and early Bronze Age. Indeed, Dartmoor contains the largest concentration of Bronze Age remains in the United Kingdom, which suggests that ²⁵ this was when a larger population moved onto the hills of Dartmoor. The large systems of Bronze Age fields, divided by reaves, cover an area of over 10,000 hectares (39 sq mi) of the lower moors.

There are a number of options of places to eat on Dartmoor. Including ³⁰ restaurants that serve organic food, those that pick their produce from their farm earlier in the day, and those that offer locally produced meat, fish and vegetables at their finest. Delicious vegetarian options, superb wines, decadent cream teas and breakfast.

If you choose to take your dog with you on a Dartmoor walk they must be on a ⁴⁰ lead between 1st March – 31st July to protect ground-nesting birds and newborn lambs/foals/calves.

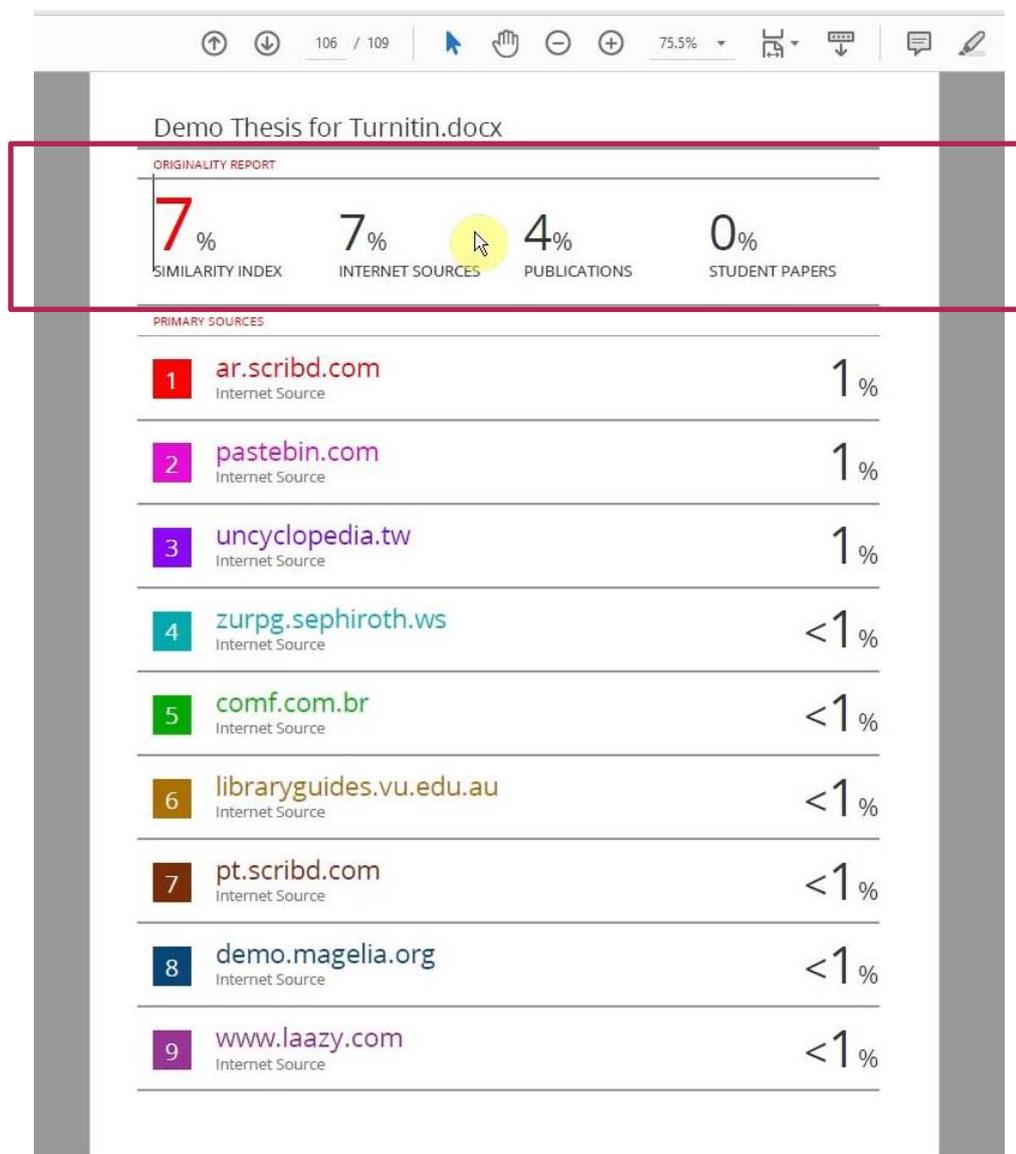
You can get involved in conservation projects on Dartmoor through the Dartmoor preservation society. Opportunities include everything ³⁵ from joining the conservation programme out on the moor to helping in the office. Providing a great chance to learn new skills, meet new people and find out more about Dartmoor.

Another example of common matches you will see are references pages, which will often match other sources and can usually be ignored



The final summary page will give you details of the highlighted matches, how much it matches and where the text exists online, it provides the following information

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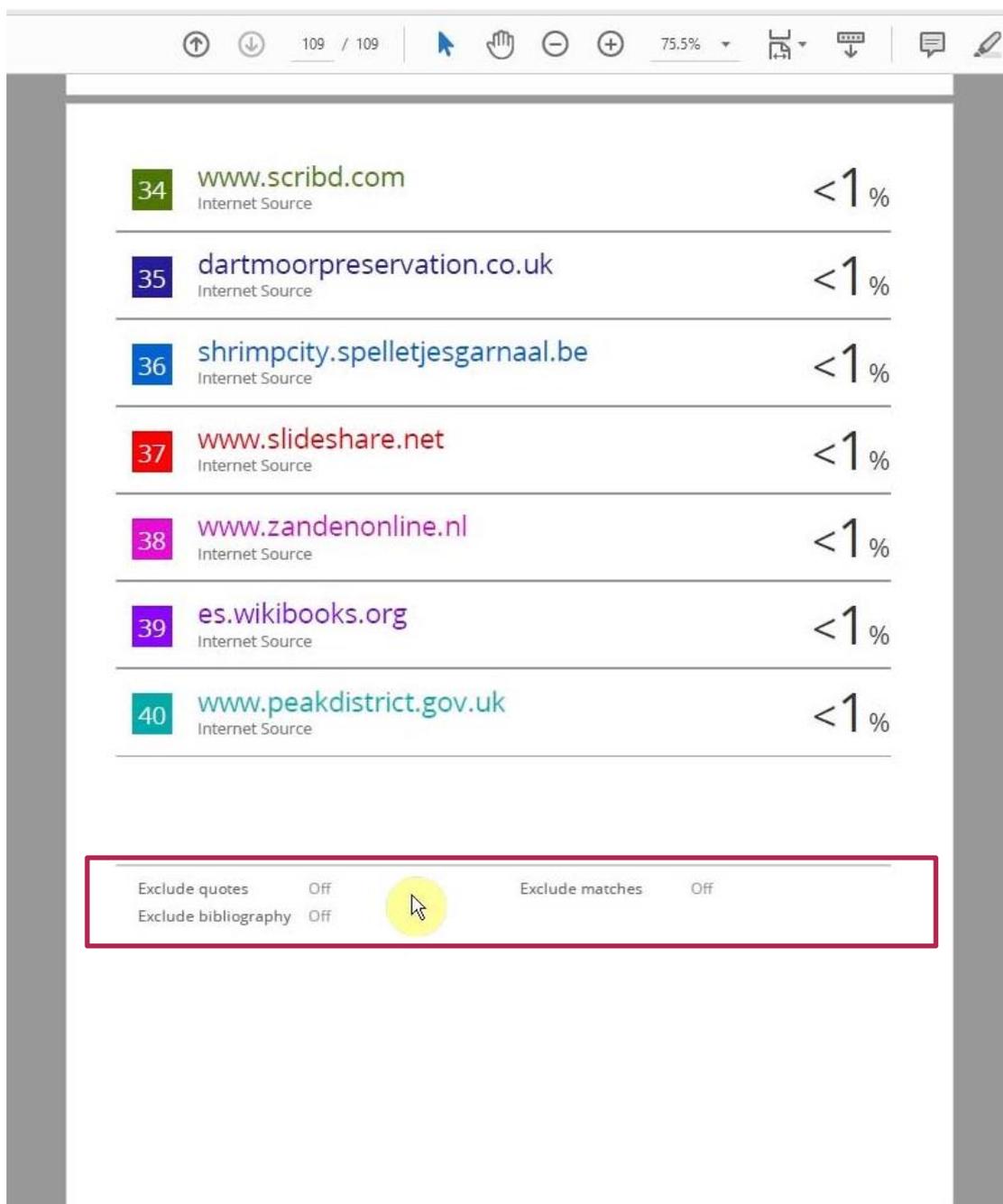


Sometimes you will see that the overall percentage can be made up of lots of tiny matches (often < 1%) which when looked at are usually seen to not be problematic. The important thing about a Turnitin score is that on its own it doesn't tell you anything other than there is more to look at. Looking at what makes up the score is the key part as often some matches are fine and can be explained as we saw in the examples above. The report helps you to know where to look to find out more

At the very end of the document, there is some final additional information about the use of filters

- i. Exclude quotes.
- j. Exclude matches.
- k. Exclude bibliography.

This information lets you know what filters were used during the check. Ensure that all 3 were/are set to off so that we know that this report is as accurate as it can be and retained the default settings that have been set in Turnitin.



The screenshot displays a Turnitin report interface. At the top, a toolbar shows navigation and zoom controls, including a mouse cursor icon, a hand icon, a minus sign, a plus sign, a zoom level of 75.5%, and icons for print, download, and chat. Below the toolbar, a list of internet sources is shown, each with a colored square icon, a number, the URL, the source type, and a percentage match. The sources are:

Number	URL	Source Type	Match Percentage
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35	dartmoorpreservation.co.uk	Internet Source	<1 %
36	shrimpcity.spelletjesgarnaal.be	Internet Source	<1 %
37	www.slideshare.net	Internet Source	<1 %
38	www.zandenonline.nl	Internet Source	<1 %
39	es.wikibooks.org	Internet Source	<1 %
40	www.peakdistrict.gov.uk	Internet Source	<1 %

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