Viewing TurnItIn similarity report and feedback

Accessing the TurnItIn report

See our other sheets on checking your own work for originality before submission. TurnItIn can provide just an originality report or can be used as a marking system for feedback.

Click on the coloured similarity block to access the similarity report and any feedback on marked work.

Similarity layer

The report shows similarity using coloured highlights. The overall similarity score and controls are on the red section.

Clicking on the overall match percentage shows how that is made up throughout the document.

Clicking on a result will show the matching source in the text. The exact matching text is not always shown.

Remember that similarity detection is an automated process that can give false positives or negatives and should be seen as an opportunity for you to check your sourcing and referencing.

Click the red filter icon from the similarity toolbar to exclude by text type, number of words and to apply multi-colour highlighting.

In the Filters and Settings side panel, use the check boxes to exclude bibliography and quotes. To exclude by less than a number or percentage of words enter number in words and % fields.

E.g. filtering by 10 words will exclude all sources with a cumulative match word count that is less than 10 words.
Viewing feedback on TurnItIn

This is only applicable if the assignment has been marked using the TurnItIn system.

Click on the blue speech bubble to see all feedback.

Within the text there may be standard comments that have been added. Click on them to get more details.

Individual comments are shown with a speech bubble and the initials of the writer. Click on the speech bubble to see the detailed comment.

You can see a marking rubric if one has been used.

You may be able to play a voice comment if one has been made.

There may be an overall text comment

Downloading your report

A report including similarity information and tutor feedback, if available, can be downloaded by clicking on the download arrow on the toolbar and then selecting **Current View**.