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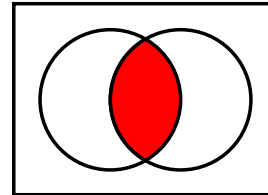
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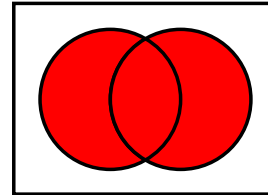
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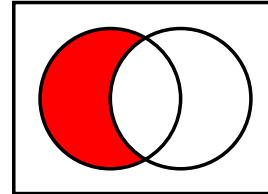
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Definition

Thomas (1969) divides the central European Alpine lakes into the following groups:

1. Bavarian lakes situated on the Swabian-Bavarian plateau at about 500 m.a.s.l in calcareous-rich catchments; lakes in the Salzkammergut

2. Carinthian lakes, situated in mountains in the south of Austria; sample (1976) has listed 1,270 lakes above surface areas of 0.01 km²
3. Southern Alps (Italy and Switzerland mainly receiving water from crystalline regions of the Alps)
4. Lakes of the higher Alps usually of low salt content with a few being meromictic.

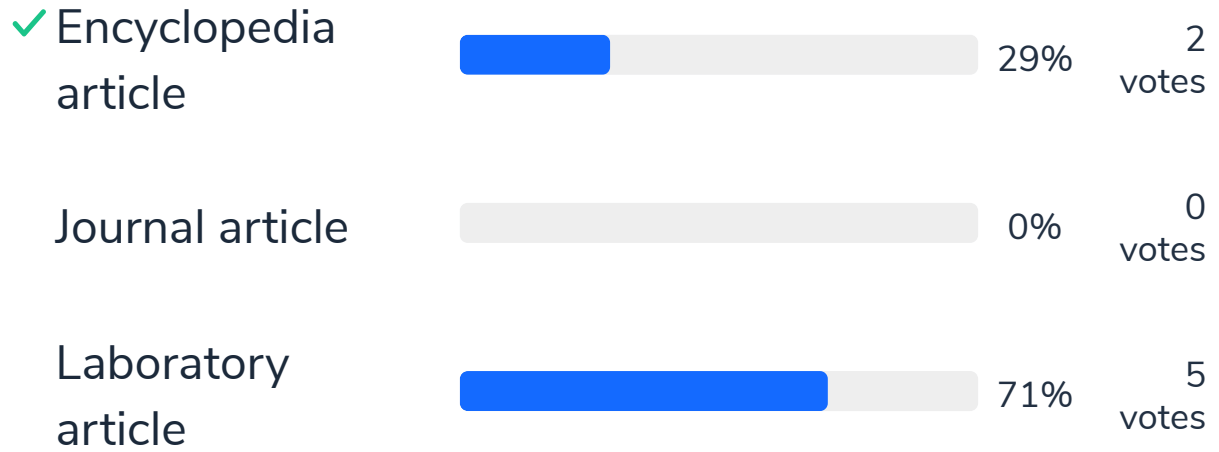
Dokulil (2005) has listed a selection of 60 Alpine lakes from the above groups in Table 1 and Figure 1.

Alpine Lakes, Table 1 Morphometric characteristics of 60 Alpine lakes: Z_{max} maximum depth, Z_{mean} mean depth, t_w theoretical retention time (Compiled from several sources)

Country/area	Lake name	Altitude (m.a.s.l)	Catchment area (km ²)	Lake area (km ²)	Volume ($\times 10^6$ m ³)	Z_{max} (m)	Z_{mean} (m)	t_w (year)	
Austria	1 Erlaufsee	835	10	0.58	12.4	38	21.2	1.5	
	2 Lunzer Untersee	608	27	0.68	13	33.7	20	0.3	
	Salzkammergut	3 Grundlsee	709	125	4.14	170	63.8	32.2	0.92
		4 Altauseersee	712	54.5	2.1	72	52.8	34.6	0.58
		5 Halstättersee	508	646.5	8.58	557	125.2	64.9	0.5
		6 Wolfgangsee	538	123	13.15	619	114	47.1	3.6
		7 Traunsee	422	1,417	25.6	2,303	191	89.7	1.0
		8 Krottensee	579		0.09	2.2	46.8	26	
		9 Fuschlsee	663	29.5	2.66	99.5	67.3	37.4	2.6
		10 Imsee (Zellersee)	533	27.5	3.47	53	32	15.3	1.7
		11 Mondsee	481	247	14.21	510	68.3	36	1.7
		12 Attersee	469.2	463.5	45.6	3944.6	170.6	84.2	7.0
		13 Wallersee	505	110	6.39	71	24	9.4	2.0
		14 Obertrumsee	550	45.9	4.8	86	35	14.1	1.3
		15 Niedertumsee	500	12.5	3.25	48	40	14.8	3.1
		16 Grabensee	498	64.8	1.26	9	13	7.2	0.12
		Carinthian Lake district	17 Millstättersee	588	276	13.28	1176.6	141	89
18 Ossiachersee	501		154.8	10.79	215.1	52	19.9	2	
19 Wörthersee	439		164	19.38	816.3	85.2	42.1	9.5	
20 Weissensee	930		50	6.53	238.1	99	36	11	
21 Längsee	548			0.76	9	21	11.1		
22 Klopeinsee	446		4.4	1.11	24.9	46	22.6	11.5	
23 Faaker See	554		35.6	2.2	32.7	29.5	14.9	1.2	
24 Zeller See	749.5		54.7	4.55	178.2	68.4	39.2	4.1	
Central Alps and Tyrol	25 Achensee	929	218.1	6.8	481	133	66.8	1.6	
	26 Piburgersee	913	2.65	0.13	1.8	24.6	13.7	2.7	
	27 Vdr Finstertalersee	2,237		0.16	2.3	28.3	14.8		
	28 Gossenköllesee	2,413	0.3	0.016		9.9	4.7		
	29 Schwarzersee/Sülden	2,799	0.2	0.034		18	10		
	30 Wagingersee		123.5	8.9	156.7	27	15.6		
	31 Königssee	603.3	137.6	5.3	511	189	93.1	2.3	
	32 Chiemsee	518.2	1388.3	82.2	2053	73.4	25.6	1.4	
	33 Tegernsee		210.5	9.1	324	72.2	36.6		
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	38 Walensee	419	1061	24.2	2420	145	100	1.4	
	39 Zürichsee (Ober S.)	408	1564.8	20.3	467	48	23	0.2	
	40 Zürichsee (Unter S.)	406	1740.1	65.1	3,300	136	51	1.4	
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But before we get to this concept of risk and its related context, it is helpful to define the concept of *return period*, as we have mentioned in the previous chapter. We also explore how return period is computed using probabilities.

2.1 RETURN PERIOD

The concept of return period is well known in the hydrological community. Hydrologists are also frequently misunderstood by other scientists simply because they fail to clearly explain that return period is not related to calendar time but is a probabilistic concept. This confusion is also induced by the fact that the term *period of occurrence* is sometimes used. We are emphasizing this aspect so that, at least, hydrologists do not make this same error themselves!

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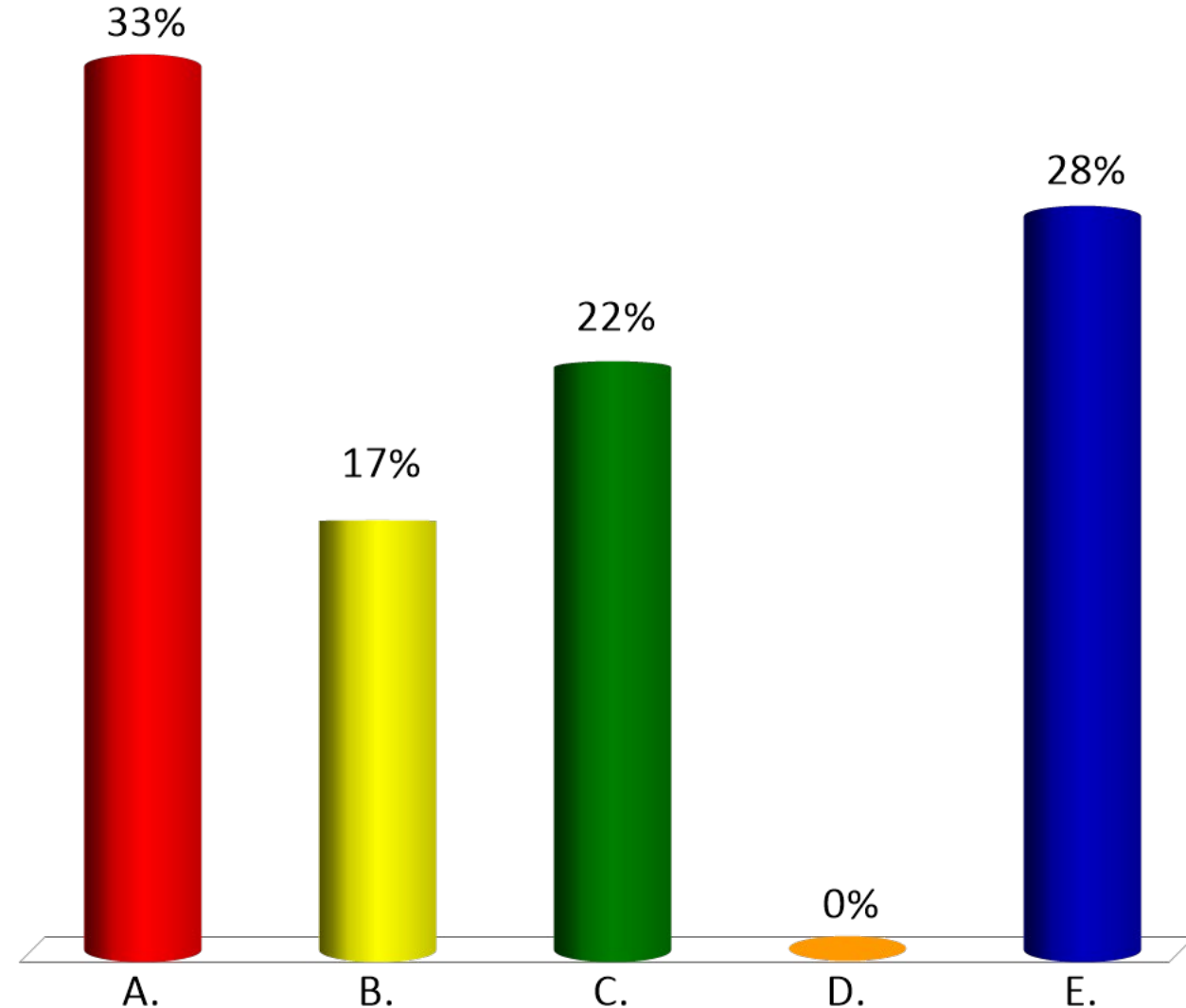
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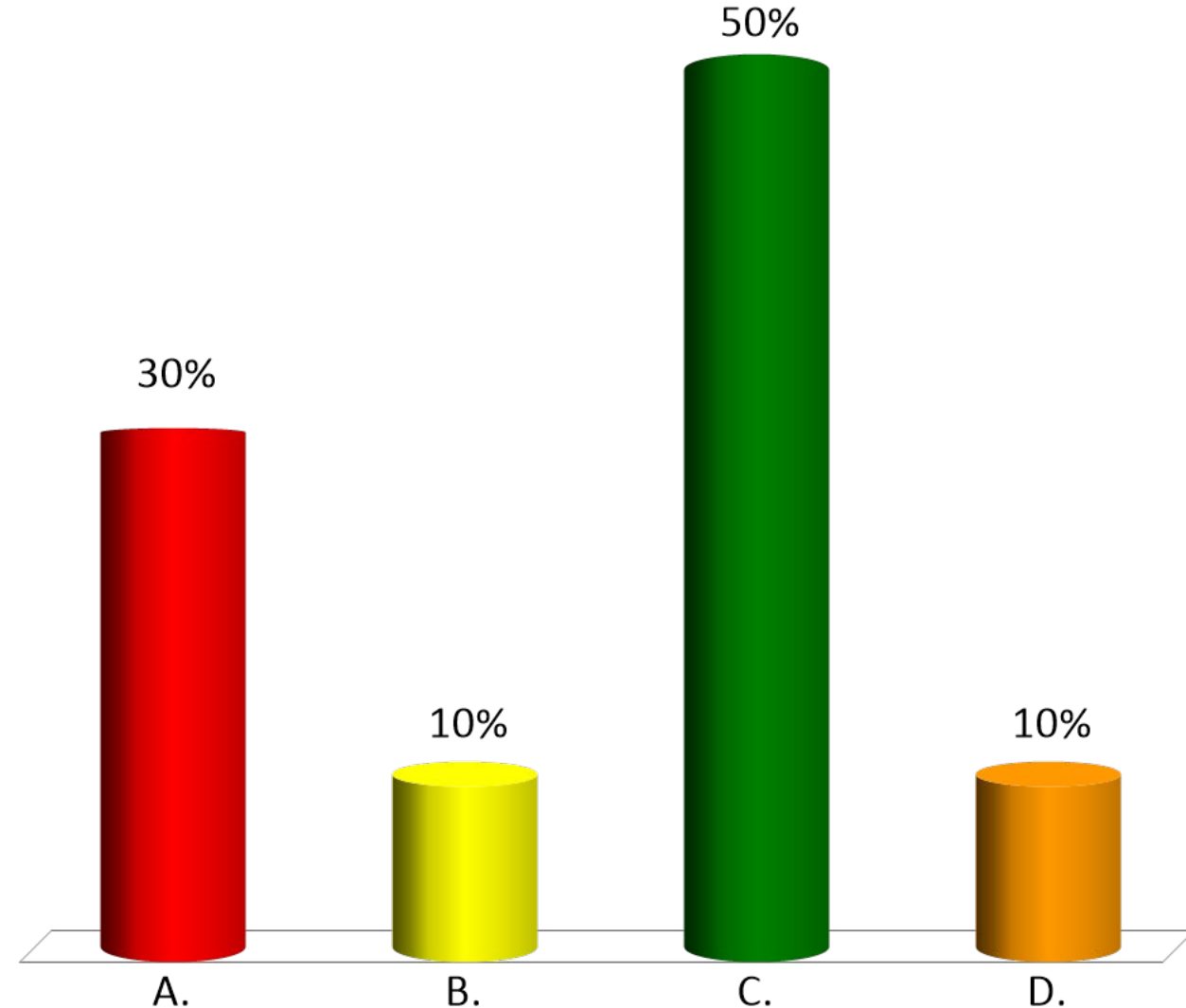
→ no matter if it is intentional or not

2. How to insert a section borrowed from another document? (several answers may be correct)

Highlight the borrowed section...

- A. in italics
- B. in bold
- C. with quotation marks
- D. in a separate paragraph

Borrowed sections should be **highlighted** no matter how



How to insert a citation or a section borrowed from another document

Example 1:

In his article *The biology of dying democracies*, Kováč (2019) states that «Marxist communism became a gigantic experiment in the 20th century to test the European rationalism. The experiment failed.»

Example 2:

The approach chosen for this article is the one presented by Kováč in *The biology of dying democracies* (2019), described as follows :

Humans are controversial beings, an inconsistent mixture of nature and culture and dominated by both. Biological hominization was followed by cultural humanization. So far, biologists mostly tended to conceive the biological individual as a Darwinian unit communicating with another individual in interest of one's own Darwinian fitness. Signals should serve to modify the behaviour of the receiver to benefit the signaller.

How to insert a citation or a section borrowed from another document

Example 3:

Experts believe that information literacy knowledge helps students to judge the appropriateness of information (Smith, 2016, McDowell, 2018 and Alhazmi, 2012).

OR

Experts believe that better information literacy knowledge will help students to judge the appropriateness of information[1-3].

How to insert a citation or a section borrowed from another document

Example 4 – Paraphrasing

The original :

- « A variety of evidence points to the existence of dark matter in the universe. As it is not directly observable with conventional astronomical techniques, we must rely on computer modules to guide our understanding. »

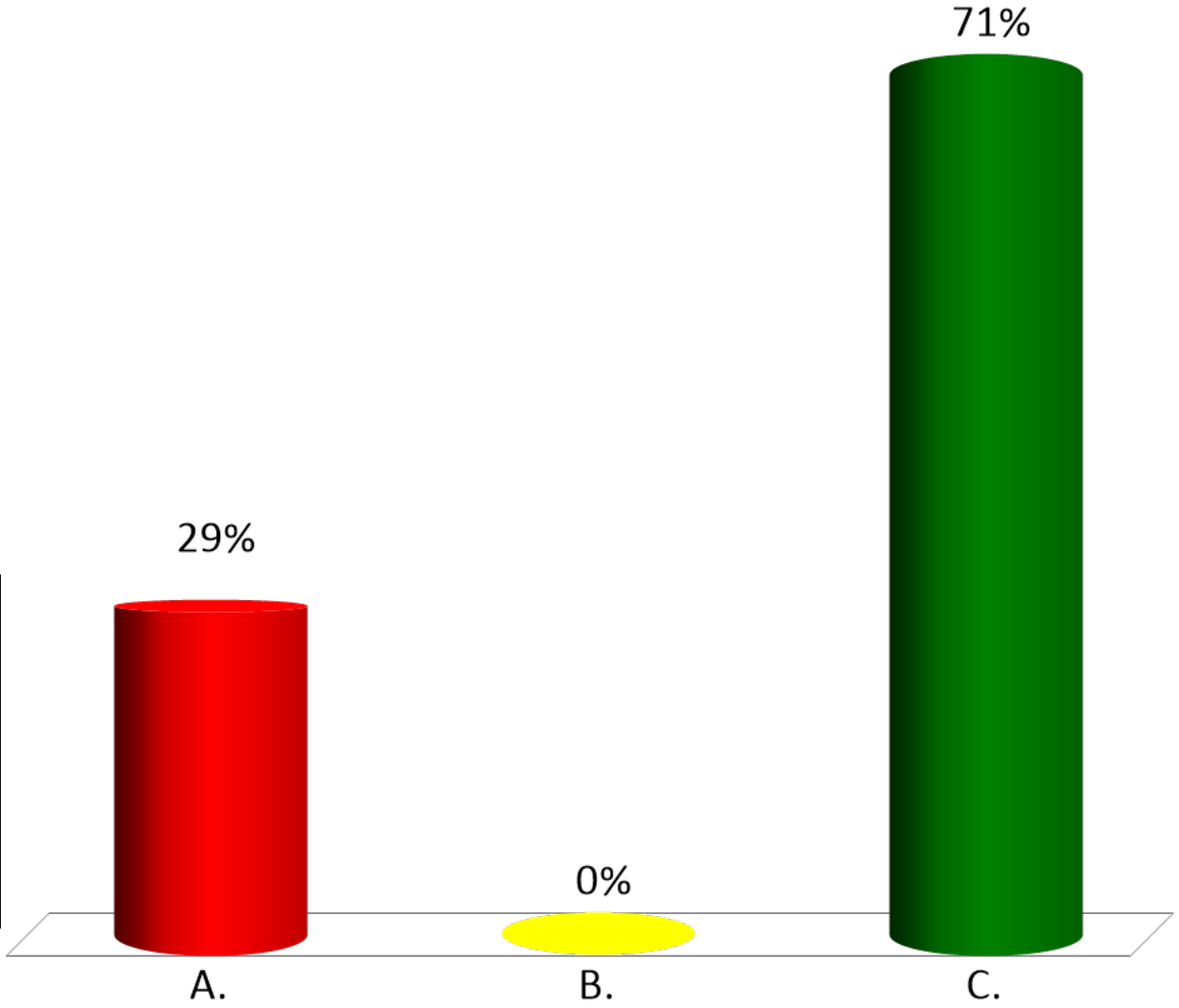
The paraphrase :

- Research about the universe suggests that dark matter exists. However, scientists must use computer models to learn about it because dark matter can't be studied directly (Lanzel and Barnes, 2009)

3. What should I do to borrow a section from someone else's work?

- A. Highlight the borrowed section
- B. Ask the permission to the author
- C. Cite the original source

Copy-Paste
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Highlight of the borrowed section
+
Indication of the source



4. If I use a document that has not been published (yet) I need to cite it.

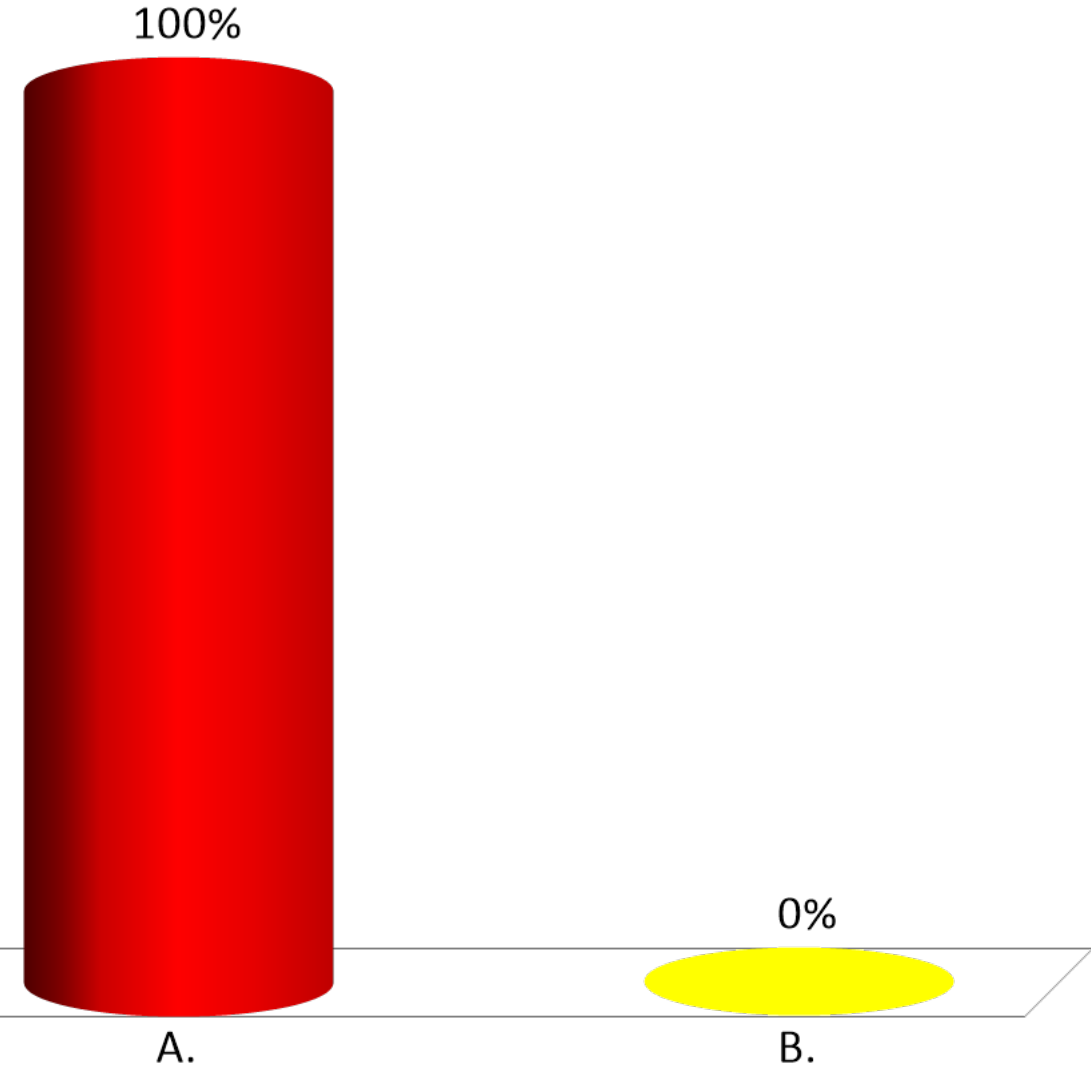
- A. True
- B. False

Always cite your sources.

Anyway, it would be better not to use documents that are inaccessible to the reader, such as confidential or internal documents

Pre-prints:

Not always accessible for the reader
Various versions



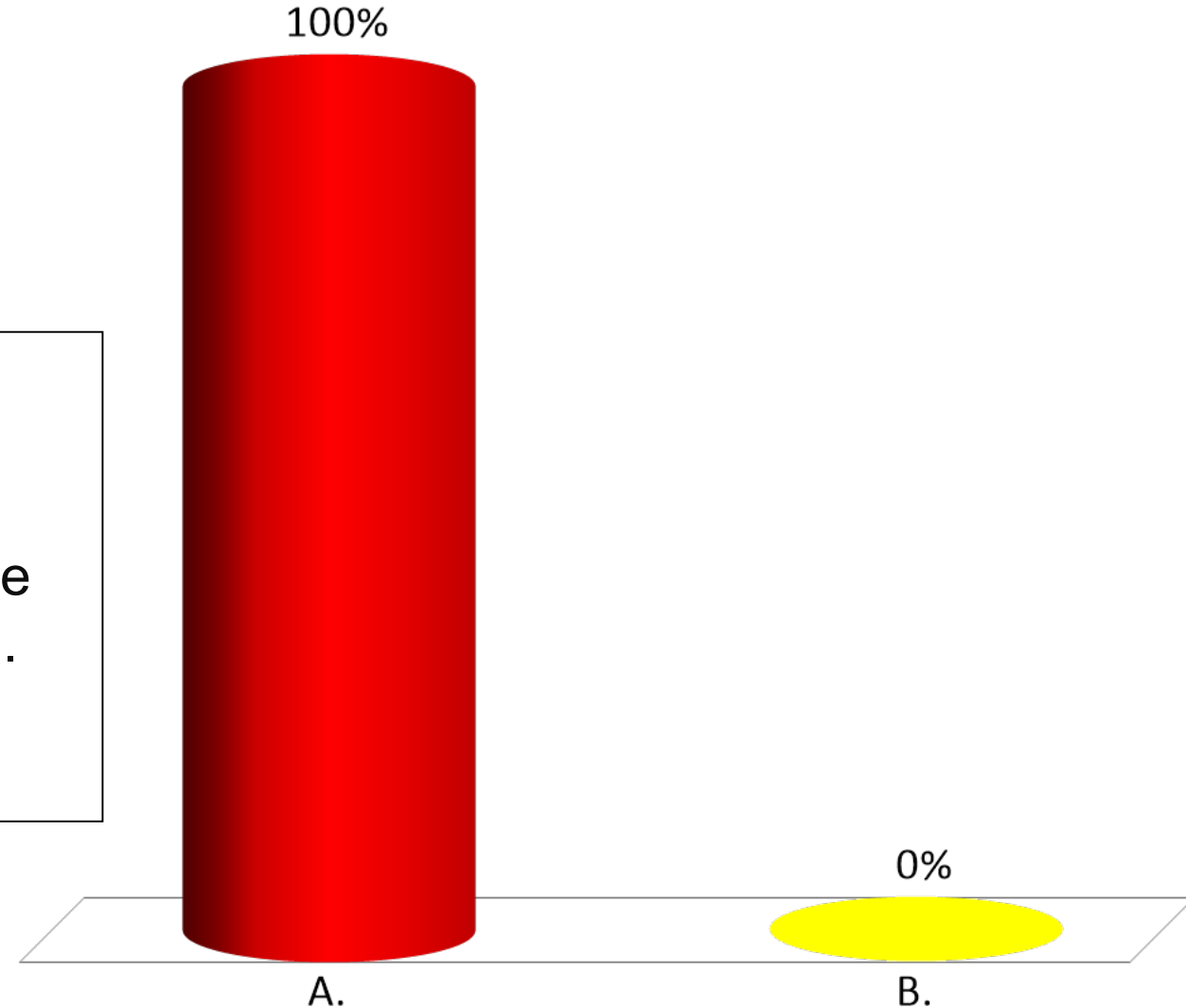
5. I have to cite a document that I published previously.

- A. True
- B. False

Reminder

Citing enables you to make the difference between your own **AND** new **input** and the ones that come from previous publications.

SELF-PLAGIARISM is also plagiarism

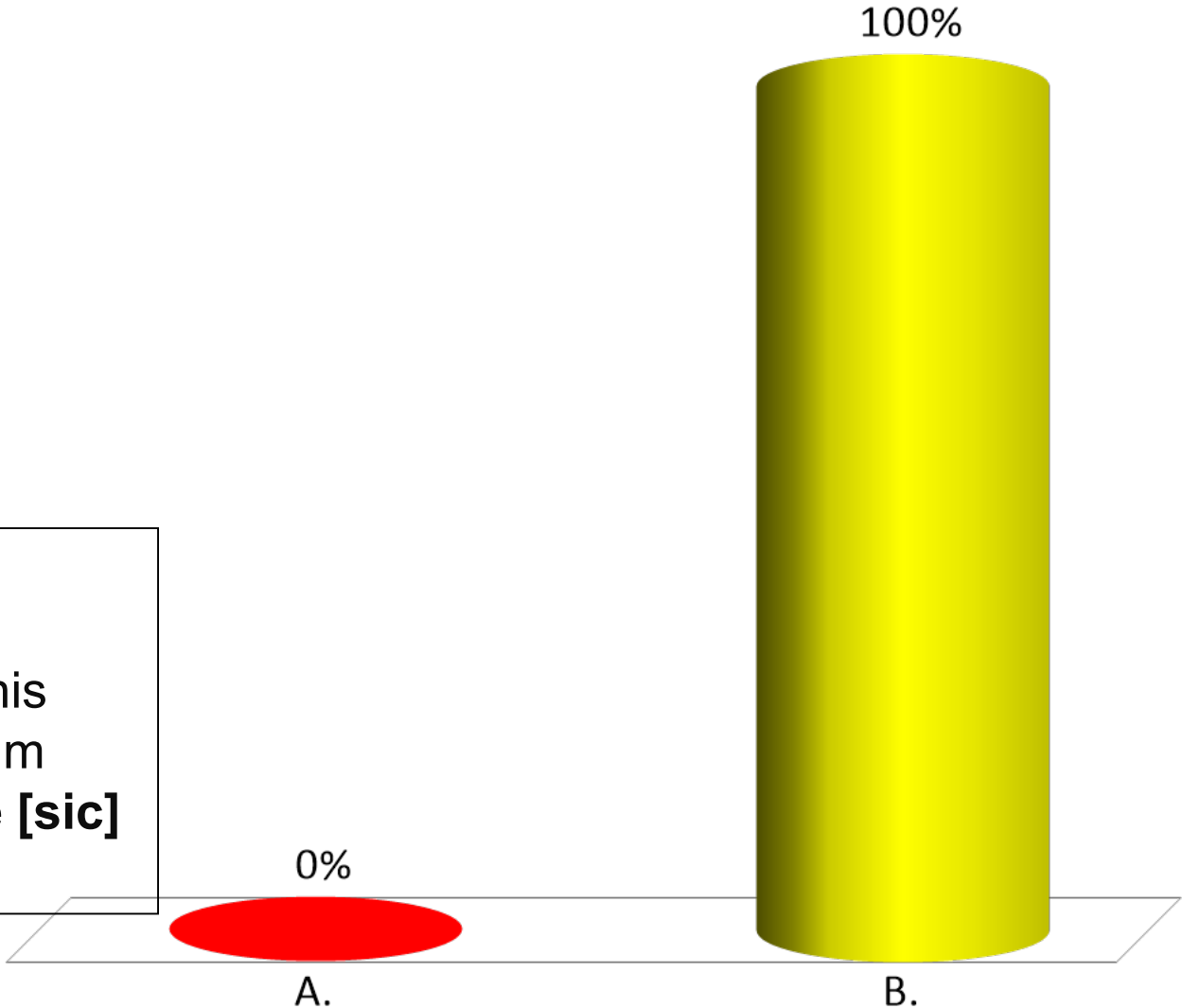


6. I have the right to adapt a quotation.

- A. True
- B. False

Highlighting modifications

« As **[John Smith]** commented in the 1st chap. of his book **[Introduction to statistics]**, statistics hide sum and substance. [...] therefore one should not forge **[sic]** that interpretation leads to bias. »



7. In the bibliography, I have to mention everything I have read to write my article/report.

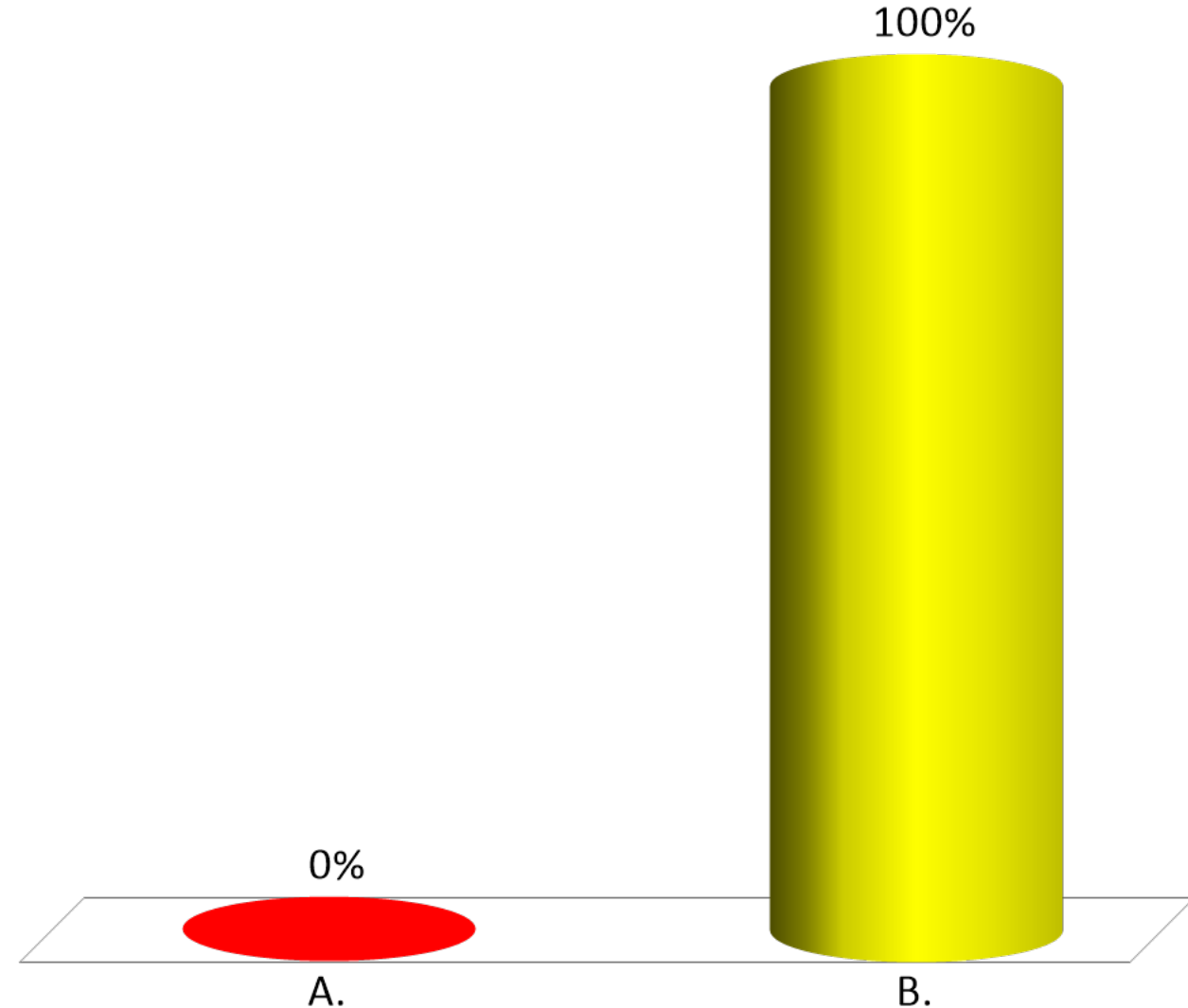
- A. True
- B. False

cited references

→ bibliography

other interesting references

→ separate list



8. To reuse an image or a graph found in another document, I have

to: (several answers may be correct)

- A. Copy-Paste
- B. Obtain the author's permission
- C. Cite the source

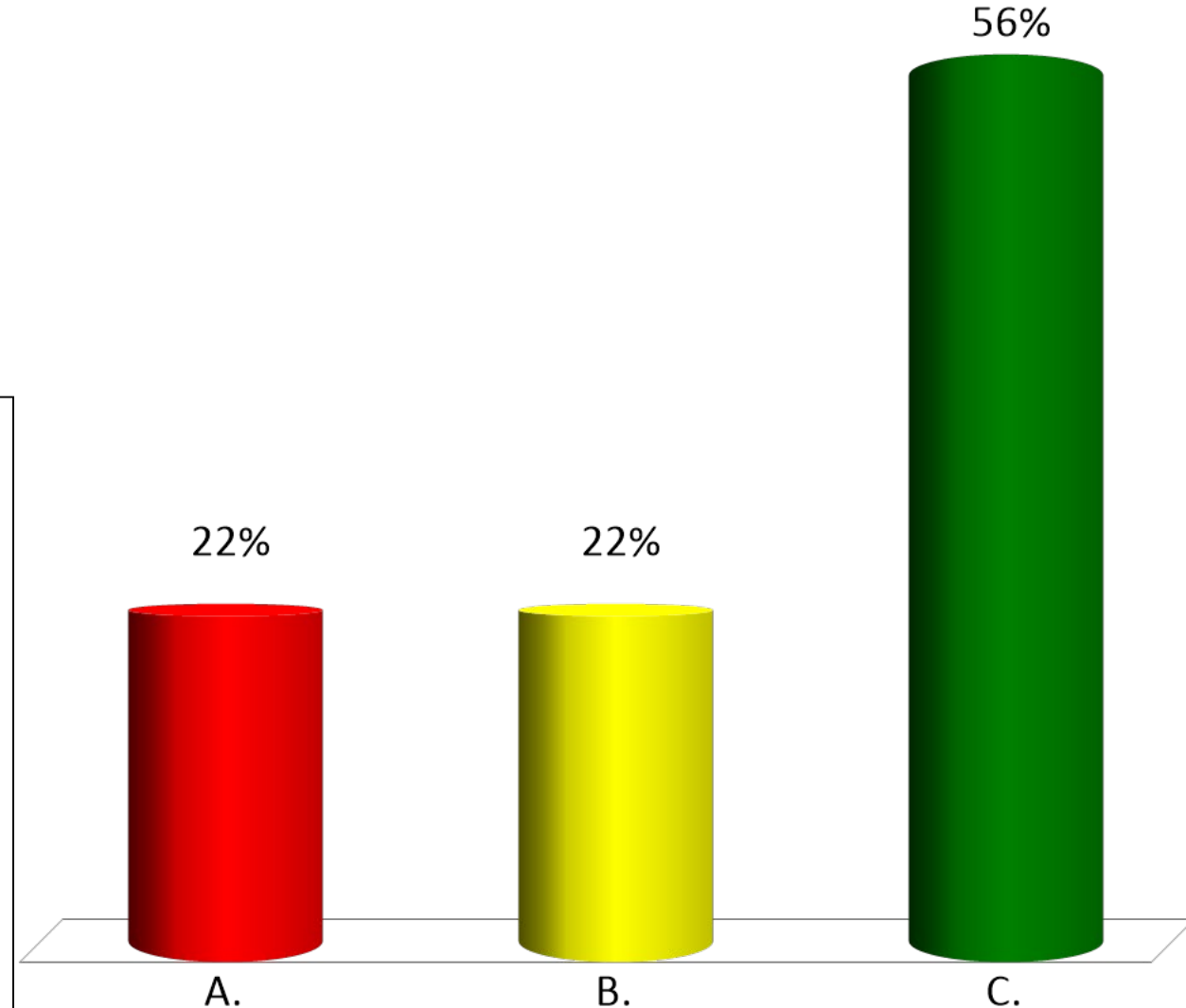
Image = integral work

Graph = protected layout

cite (correctly) the source

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Ask explicit authorization from copyright owner



Tips

Image:

Freely usable images under [Creative Commons](#) licenses

- Cite the source
- Search one of these sites:
 - <https://www.pexels.com/fr-fr/>
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Graph:

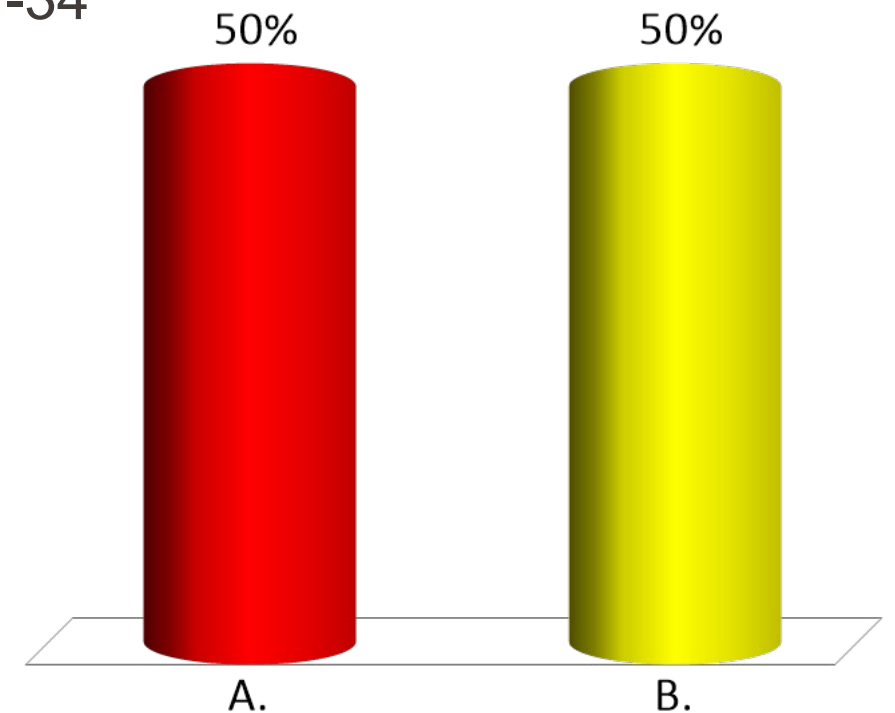
Recreate the graph yourself

- Cite the source

9. You consult an article [1] in which a section from another article [2] (that you haven't read) is cited. You would like to insert this section from article [2] in your report. Which source do you cite?

- A. [1] Kim S et Dale BE 2004 *Global potential bioethanol production from wasted crops and crop residues*. *Biomass & Bioenergy* 26(4): 361-375
- B. [2] Zaldivar J, Nielsen J, Olsson L Fuel 2001 *Ethanol production from lignocellulose: a challenge for metabolic engineering and process integration*. *Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology* 56 (1-2):17-34

Do not cite a document that you have not consulted!



Suggestions

In the text

Kim S. (2004) suggests that the technique described by Zaldivar J. (2001) as « being by far the most efficient on most continents » is not the only way to follow for the development of the bioethanol production.

In the bibliography

Kim S et Dale BE 2004 *Global potential bioethanol production from wasted crops and crop residues*. Biomass & Bioenergy 26(4): 361-375

OR

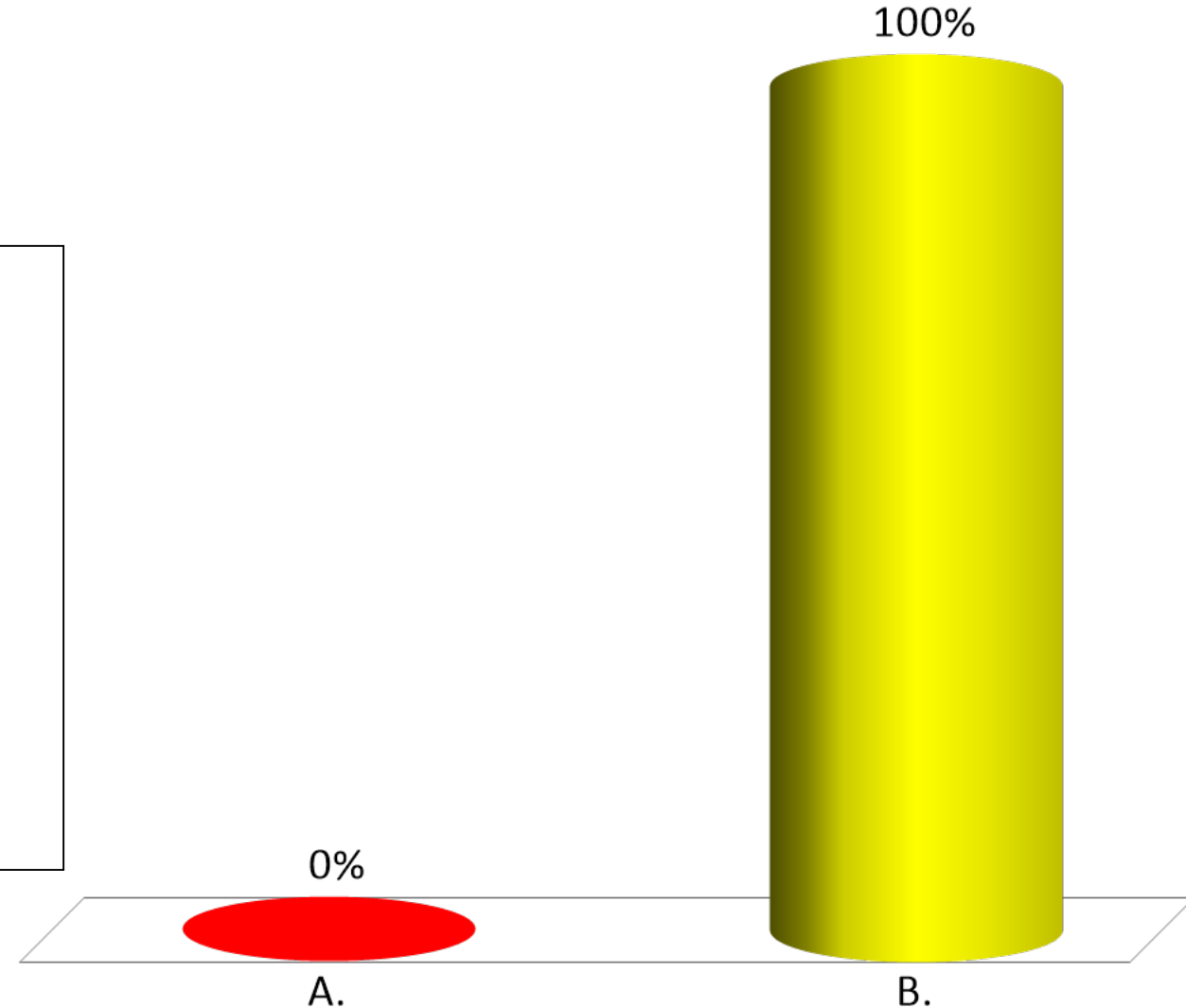
Zaldivar J, Nielsen J, Olsson L Fuel 2001 *Ethanol production from lignocellulose: a challenge for metabolic engineering and process integration*. Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology 56 (1-2):17-34 **cited by** Kim S et Dale BE 2004 *Global potential bioethanol production from wasted crops and crop residues*. Biomass & Bioenergy 26(4): 361-375

10. To cite a webpage, it is enough to simply indicate the URL

- A. True
- B. False

URL is useful but not enough,
because
- not permanent

Reference to a webpage:
page title, author, website title, URL,
consultation date (or time)
+ any piece of information that may
help to identify the source



11. Which reference is correct?

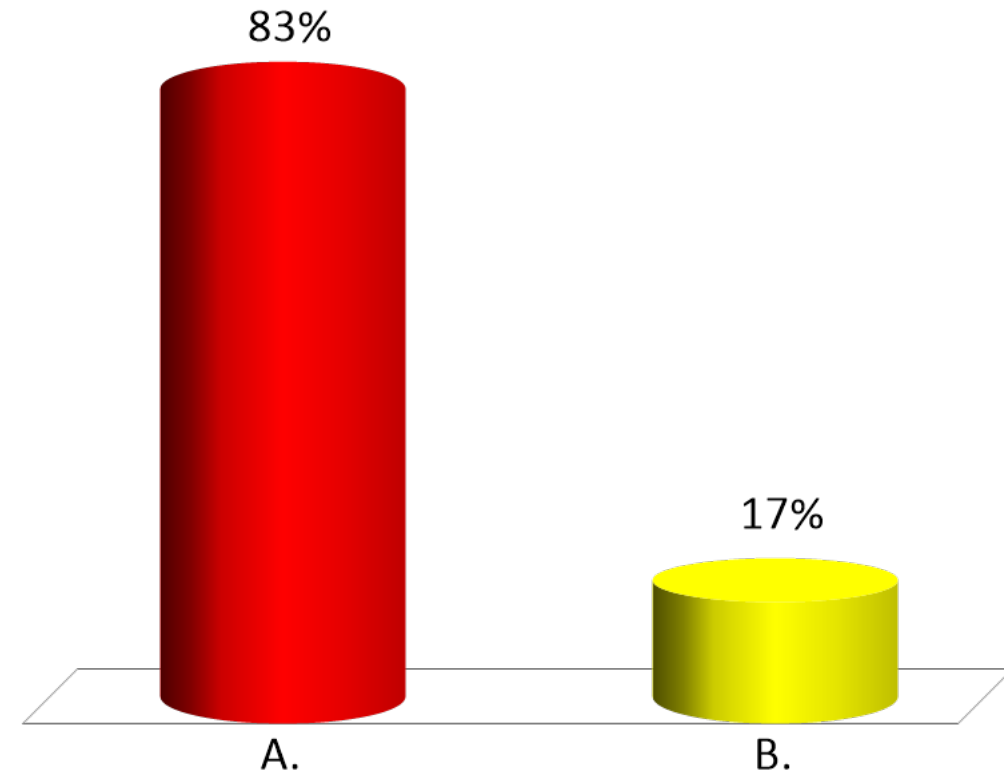
- A. MONTGOMERY, Douglas Carter, 2013. Design and analysis of experiments. 8e éd. Hoboken, N.J : John Wiley & Sons. ISBN 978-1-1180-9793-9.
- B. 1. Montgomery, D. C. Design and analysis of experiments. (John Wiley & Sons, 2013).

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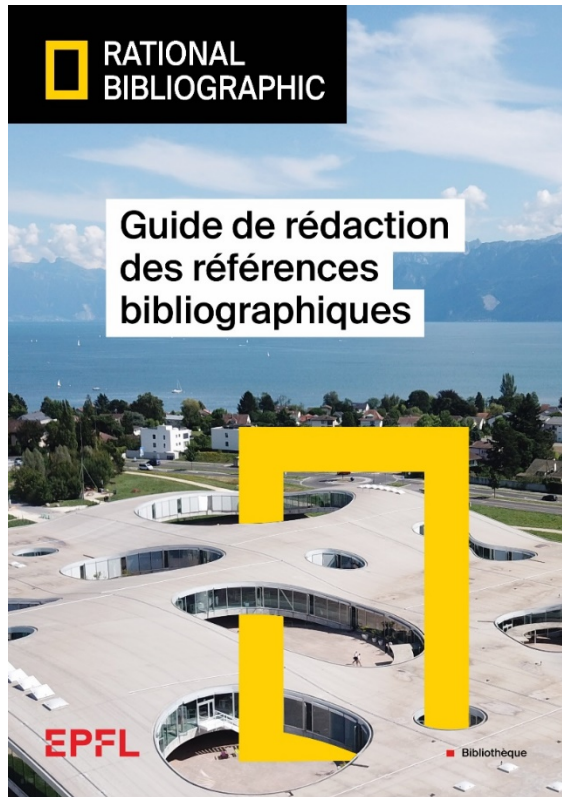
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like Zotero to create a bibliography according to the chosen citation style.



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