The excerpt below is from

SINGAPORE 2005: LONDON ELECTED AS THE HOST CITY FOR THE GAMES OF THE XXX OLYMPIAD
06 July 2005
The host city for the Games of the XXX Olympiad will be the city of London. Following four rounds of
voting by members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), today, at the 117th IOC Session, in
Singapore, London eventually triumphed by taking 54 votes from a possible 104. This gave London the
majority that it needed to be elected as the host city for the 2012 Games. London had to overcome stiff
competition, however, in the form of Paris, New York, Moscow and Madrid in its bid to get the Games.

1. Is this plagiarism?
Excerpt from student paper:
A cry went up in London when the IOC named London as the host city of the XXX Olympiad in 2012. London eventually triumphed by taking 54 votes from a possible 104 votes by members of the International Olympic Committee (“Singapore 2005”).

YES, the writer above plagiarized. Citing the source in parentheses was not enough; the writer should have introduced the source and put quotation marks around the phrase copied word for word.

Revision of second sentence:
According to the Official Website of the Olympic Movement, “London eventually triumphed by taking 54 votes from a possible 104. . . .”

2. Is this plagiarism?
Excerpt from student paper:
A cry went up in London when the IOC named London as the host city of the XXX Olympiad in 2012. In the fourth round of voting, London took a majority: 54 of 104 votes.

YES, the writer above plagiarized. Even though the writer paraphrased everything in her own words, she should have included a parenthetical citation to show where her specific information came from. Listing the source on the Works Cited page is not enough; citations need immediately to follow all information gleaned from a specific source.

3. Is this plagiarism?
Excerpt from student paper:
The International Olympic Committee announced that London would have the privilege of hosting the Olympics in 2012. New York was among the disappointed cities.

No. The above information has been covered extensively in the media and is known by many people. It is common knowledge.