



Exercise – paraphrase a single sentence?

Instructions

This exercise requires you to rewrite a series of sentences using your own words (paraphrase the text). This is a key skill to develop to enhance the quality of your work, and to avoid plagiarism

On page 2 there is a list of quotes from various academic sources – you are required to paraphrase each (don't forget to incorporate the reference).

The following tips will help:

1. Start your paraphrase by using a suitable verb to introduce the author/source of the information (X suggests, X claims, X states, etc.)
2. Change the vocabulary using words that have a similar meaning (synonyms)
3. Change the word order of the sentence
4. Ensure your paraphrase has the same meaning as the original quote

Suggested answers are presented on page 3. However, your answers could be quite different but still correct – if you are unsure contact the Professional and Academic Development Team.

Example

Original:

“Working from home can lead to employees feeling isolated and dissatisfied” (King, 2009, p.12).

Paraphrased:

King (2009) suggests that workers can feel alone and unhappy while working away from the office.

Exercise A

Original:

“The increase in the number of students attending university has led to changes in the methods and style of lecture delivery “(Mendez, 2010, p.8).

Your paraphrase:

Exercise B

Original:

“Academic writing plays a very important role in university education as it is the medium in which students demonstrate their understanding of the subject” (Carter, 2001, p.222).

Your paraphrase:

Exercise C

Original:

“Courses should contain a practical component ensuring graduates have skills that are transferable to the work place” (Simons, 1999, p.44).

Your paraphrase:

Exercise D

Original:

“The introduction of certain austerity measures has greatly reduced the amount of disposable income for most middle income homes” (Briggs, 2007, p.27)

Your paraphrase:

Exercise E

Original:

“Mass tourism in developing countries needs to be addressed to allow for a more sustainable approach” (Kowalski, 2008, p.2)

Your paraphrase:

Suggested answers

Exercise A

ORIGINAL: “The increase in the number of students attending university has led to changes in the methods and style of lecture delivery “(Mendez, 2010, p.8).

PARAPHRASED: Mendez (2010) claims that changes in tertiary teaching and learning are the result of a rise in the number of learners.

Exercise B

ORIGINAL: “Academic writing plays a very important role in university education as it is the way students demonstrate their understanding of the subject”
(Carter, 2001, p.222)

PARAPHRASED: Carter (2001) highlights the importance of academic writing as it is the form in which their understanding is measured.

Exercise C

ORIGINAL: “Courses should contain a practical component ensuring graduates have skills that are transferable to the work place” (Simons, 1999, p.44)

PARAPHRASED: Simons (1999) argues that university programmes should provide students with skills that are applicable to the work place.

Exercise D

ORIGINAL: “The introduction of certain austerity measures has greatly reduced the amount of disposable income for most middle income homes” (Briggs, 2007, p.27)

PARAPHRASED: Briggs (2007) states that cutbacks have placed financial pressure on middle income households.

Exercise E

ORIGINAL: “Mass tourism in developing countries needs to be addressed to allow for a more sustainable approach” (Kowalski, 2008, p.2)

PARAPHRASED: Kowalski (2008) outlines some of the problems associated with mass tourism and explains that a more sustainable model needs to be implemented.

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