PARAPHRASING

What is a Paraphrase ?

- A **paraphrase** /'pærəfreiz/ is a restatement of the meaning of a text or passage using other words.
- The term itself is derived via Latin *paraphrasis* from Greek παράφρασις, meaning "additional manner of expression".
- The act of paraphrasing is also called "**paraphrasis**".

Paraphrasing is an important tool to use when writing research papers, essays, and pieces of journalism.

Source text	Paraphrase
The need for investors to earn a commercial return may put upward pressure on prices	The need for profit is likely to push up prices

A paraphrase does not need to accompany a direct quotation. A paraphrase is typically more detailed than a summary.

Paraphrasing Example

Original Text

Paraphrase

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Willy Wonka was famous for his delicious candy. Children and adults loved to eat it. Willy Wonka was known throughout the world because people enjoyed eating the tasty candy he made.

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Important tips for Reduction

- Omit illustrations.
- Reduce the length of advents of time and place.
- Substitute one word for phrases, phrases for a clause/sentence.
- Replace nouns with pronouns.

- Compress figures of speech into literal expressions.
- Refrain from giving your own views or impressions.
- If not necessary, remove adjectives and adverbs.
- Avoid verbiage
- Use punctuation marks wisely.

In your own words

- The phrase "in your own words" is often used within this context to imply that the writer has rewritten the text in their own writing style – how they would have written it if they had created the idea.
- Nowadays, there are some models to learn and recognize paraphrase on natural language texts.
 Sentences can also be automatically paraphrased using text simplification software.

Paraphrase, but do not Plagiarize

- * When paraphrasing, it is important to keep these things in mind:
 - you are simply putting into your own words what another author has written.
 - avoid keeping the same sentence structure of the original
 - Remember if you directly quote THREE or more consecutive words, you MUST put quotation marks around them.
 - If you use a specific term from an original, you must use quotation marks around it.

Examples of Paraphrasing

- Consider these possible re-wordings of the same statement:
- She angered me with her inappropriate comments, rumor-spreading, and disrespectfulness at the formal dinner table.
- Example 1
- She made me angry when she was rude at dinner.
- This paraphrase is an example of a rewording which shortens and simplifies while maintaining the same meaning.

• Example 2

- Her impoliteness, gossiping, and general lack of respect at dinner infuriated me.
- This rephrasing maintains the same meaning but is rearranged in a creative way.

• Example 3

- I was mad when she started spreading rumors, making inappropriate comments, and disrespecting other guests at our dinner.
- Another paraphrase, this rewording properly and interestingly rearranges the information provided in the original sentence.

Types of Paraphrasing

• A. Change of Parts of Speech

• Parts of speech ranging from verbs and nouns to adjectives and adverbs are replaced with new parts of speech in this type of paraphrasing. Here is an example:

• Original Sentence:

• The boy quickly ran across the finish line, seizing yet another victory.

• Paraphrase:

- The quick boy seized yet another victory when he ran across the finish line.
- In this example, many parts of speech are changed: the adverb quickly becomes the adjective quick, and the verb phrase with the gerund seizing becomes the verb seized.

• **B. Change of Structure**

• This type of paraphrasing involves changing the sentence's structure, sometimes creating a passive voice from an active voice and vice versa. The change in structure can be used to reflect the writer's interpretation of the original quote. Here is an example of change of structure paraphrasing:

• Original Sentence:

• Puppies were adopted by numerous kind souls at the puppy drive.

• Paraphrase:

- Many kind souls adopted puppies during the puppy drive.
- In this example, the object of the sentence (kind souls) becomes the subject with an active voice (adopted) rather than a passive voice (were adopted).

C. Reduction of Clauses

 Reduction of clauses paraphrases reduce the number of clauses in a sentence, which can be interruptive or confusing, by incorporating the phrases into the sentence. Here is an example of reduction of clauses paraphrasing:

• Original Sentence:

• While I understand where you're coming from, and truly respect your opinion, I wish you would express yourself more clearly, like Clara does.

• Paraphrase:

• I understand where you're coming from and respect your opinion, but I wish you would be more like Clara and express yourself more clearly.

• D. Synonym Replacement

• Synonym replacement paraphrasing is one of the simplest forms of paraphrasing: replacing words with similar words, or synonyms. Here is an example:

• Original Sentence:

• The older citizens were honored with a parade for those once in the military.

• Paraphrase:

- Senior citizens were honored with a march for veterans.
- In this example, many synonyms are used: older citizens are senior citizens, a parade becomes a march, and those once in the military refers to veterans.

How to paraphrase in five steps

- Read the passage several times to fully understand the meaning
- Note down key concepts
- Write your version of the text without looking at the original
- Compare your paraphrased text with the original passage and make minor adjustments to phrases that remain too similar
- Cite the source where you found the idea
- For example, the source for this slide is : https://www.scribbr.com/citing-sources/how-toparaphrase/

Conclusion :

- In Paraphrasing, ideas can be extended by even introducing information outside the original text.
- Hence, instead of abridgement or condensation of a given passage, paraphrasing is a restatement and owing to its different nature, it requires clarifying the hidden meanings and language obscurities.

• It may also involve converting a stanza of poetry into prose explaining the meaning of the proverbs, phrases and allusions.

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