

# Paraphrasing

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# What is paraphrasing?

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Taking  
*someone else's ideas*  
and putting them in  
**your own words**

An effective paraphrase keeps the ***same core meaning*** as the original passage.

But the meaning is expressed in your own personal voice.

**It sounds like you.**

# Why should you paraphrase?

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To show your **understanding** of the information.

To avoid *quoting* too much.

To avoid **plagiarism**.

## **Plagiarism is...**

- Copying words or ideas from someone else
- Rearranging, changing or adding a few words, but keeping the sentence structure essentially the same
- Failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- Forgetting to cite your sources (give credit to the original author)

**Plagiarism is cheating.**

# Good or Bad Paraphrasing?

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Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.	China is the biggest of all Asian countries and has the most people of any country in the world.

# What was changed?

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Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the <b>largest</b> of all Asian countries and has the <b>largest population</b> of any country in the world.	China is the <b>biggest</b> of all Asian countries and has the <b>most people</b> of any country in the world.

Replacing a few words with other words is still considered  
**plagiarism**

# Good or Bad Paraphrasing?

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Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.	China is special because it is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.

# What was changed?

Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.	China <b>is special because it</b> is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.

Inserting new words into the same sentence structure as the original is still considered

**plagiarism**

# Good or Bad Paraphrasing?

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Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.	China has the largest population of any country in the world and is the largest of all Asian countries.



# What was changed?

Original Text	Paraphrase
China <b>is the largest of all Asian countries</b> and has the largest population of any country in the world.	China has the largest population of any country in the world and <b>is the largest of all Asian countries.</b>

Changing only the sentence order is still considered  
**plagiarism**

# Good or Bad Paraphrasing?

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Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the largest of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.	Bigger than all other Asian countries, China ranks highest of all countries in terms of population.

# What was changed?

Original Text	Paraphrase
China is the <b>largest</b> of all Asian countries and has the largest population of any country in the world.	<b>Bigger than</b> all other Asian countries, China ranks highest of all countries in terms of population.

An effective paraphrase has a **different sentence structure and uses different words** to convey the same meaning as the original text.

# How to paraphrase effectively

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Reread the original text until you understand its full meaning.

Set the original aside.

Write your paraphrase without looking at the original text.

Check your paraphrase to see if it contains the main ideas of the original text, but sounds like you!

## Some ways to paraphrase:

- Combine related ideas.
- Eliminate unnecessary words.
- Use synonyms.

# Credit your sources

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