

MASTER IELTS ESSAYS

SUPER INTENSIVE COURSE

Paraphrasing

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What is Paraphrasing?

Paraphrasing is changing the sentence without changing what it means.

Methods:

- Creating a sentence that says the same thing in a different way:
He has moved. → He lives somewhere else now.
- Replacing words with appropriate synonyms
- Changing the structure of the sentence (e.g. passive ↔ active)

Paraphrasing: Samples from Cambridge IELTS

Some people believe that it is best to accept a bad situation, such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money. Others argue that it is better to try and improve such situations.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

TEST 1, WRITING TASK 2

SAMPLE ANSWER

This is an answer written by a candidate who achieved a **Band 7.0** score:

Some people believe that it is best to accept a bad situation, such as an unsatisfactory job or shortage of money. Others argue that it is better to try and improve such situations.

Based on my knowledge, some people choose to accept the fate that they have to undergo the bad situation as they believe that good things might come out of it. Their solution is simply to just go with the flow because they think that they will learn something new along the journey. For example

Paraphrasing: Samples from Cambridge IELTS



Countries are becoming more and more similar because people are able to buy the same products anywhere in the world.

Do you think this is a positive or negative development?

It is said that countries are becoming similar to each other because of the global spread of the same products, which are now available for purchase almost anywhere. I strongly believe that this modern development is largely detrimental to culture and traditions worldwide.

Paraphrasing: Samples from Cambridge IELTS

Some people say that now we can see films on our phones or tablets there is no need to go to the cinema. Others say that to be fully enjoyed, films need to be seen in a cinema.

Discuss both these views and give your own opinion.

Some people think that now we can watch movies on gadgets we do not need to attend movie theatre. Some think that to be really liked movies must be seen in a movie theatre. In this essay I will discuss both these views and give my own opinion.

Paraphrasing: Methods



Approach 1: Using synonyms and parallel phrases

Some people prefer to live in the countryside.

→ *A number of individuals would rather reside in the country.*

Approach 2: Reorganisation

Some people prefer to live in the countryside.

→ *Living in the countryside is preferred by some people.*

Approach 3: Doing both! Use any tool you are confident about:

Some people prefer to live in the countryside.

→ *Living in the countryside is preferred by a number of individuals.*

Paraphrasing: Reorganisation + Synonyms

Step 1: Read the original sentence and locate all nouns or potential nouns:
Developing countries require international organisations' help.

Step 2: begin the new sentence with a noun other than the one that begins the original sentence:

A) International organisations should help developing countries.

B) The help of international organisations is necessary for developing countries.

Step 3: Finally, try and replace the words taken from the original sentence with suitable synonyms:

A) Global organisations should help third-world countries.

B) The help of global organisations is necessary for third-world countries.

Paraphrasing Example



Today many teenagers rely greatly on technology when learning.

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Paraphrasing Example



In recent years, there has been a rise in the use of performance-enhancing drugs in sports.

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