

Paraphrase Exercises

Exercise 1:

Paraphrase the following sentence:

1. The student requested that the professor excuses her absence, but the professor refused.

2. A local newspaper claims that 75% of all homeless people do not like homeless shelters and prefer to live as they do now.

3. However, college students today are the first groups of students to need the Internet for most of their schoolwork.

Choose the best possible answer that is closest to the original sentence's meaning:

4. 25% of adolescents who have one baby have a second baby within two years of the first baby's birth.
 - a. 25% of babies are born to mothers who are adolescents.
 - b. One out of four adolescent mothers has another baby before the first baby reaches his second birthday.
 - c. A quarter of adolescent mothers give birth when their first born is two.
 - d. 25% of adolescent mothers become pregnant again when their first babies are two years old.

5. Show your steps in the following exercises and stick to the 8 steps on how to paraphrase as a basis!

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Exercise 2:

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1. International Center is hosting English Conversation classes. They help non-native speakers of English practice their English speaking skills.

2. Researchers have found a strong association between computer and Internet use in adolescents and engagement in multiple-risk behaviours (MRB), including illicit drug use, drunkenness and unprotected sex.

3. Any trip to Italy should include a visit to Tuscany to sample their exquisite wines.

Pick the best possible paraphrase for the following sentence:

4. It has been reported that the richest one percent of Americans own 40% of the country's wealth.
 - a. The richest 1% are 40 times as wealthy as the rest of Americans.
 - b. If the gap between rich and poor continues to grow at the current rate, the richest one percent will soon own 40% of the country's wealth.
 - c. 40% of the country's wealth is in the hands of only 1% of Americans.
 - d. 99% of Americans own 40% as much as the richest 1%.

5. Are any of the following answer choices NOT an acceptable paraphrase of the following sentence? If so, why?

“Some young people who enroll in post-compulsory education and training are discouraged workers who would be in employment if jobs were available. “

- a) A percentage of young people in post-compulsory education and training would prefer to be working but are unable to find jobs.
- b) Some young people who are in post-compulsory education and training are disappointed employees who would prefer to have jobs if employment was available.
- c) If there were sufficient jobs, some of the young people in post-compulsory education and training would rather be in work.

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1. The car that was pulled over by the police officer yesterday just had an accident. That driver is not careful.

2. Drug resistance remains a major problem in combating HIV infection, but a different approach to drug development could be the answer.

3. Giraffes like Acacia leaves and hay and they can consume 75 pounds of food a day.

Pick the best possible paraphrase.

4. The judge was relieved when the jury was finally ready to announce its verdict.
 - a. When the jury announced its verdict, the judge was relieved.
 - b. The judge asked the jury to arrive at a verdict.
 - c. The judge welcomed the prospect of an imminent verdict.
 - d. The jury welcomed the judge's relief.

5. Can you spot whether this student has plagiarised and if so, why? Explain your answer and provide improvements where necessary.

Original text

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Essay extract

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1. The office of International Students and Scholars (ISS) at Purdue University is located in Schleman Hall.

2. You need the most up-to-date antivirus programs to ensure your hard drive and e-mail are not infected.

3. Soccer is quickly gaining popularity in America. More schools continue to add soccer to their list of competitive varsity sports.

Pick the best possible paraphrase.

4. Research data suggest that girls who witnessed maternal abuse may tolerate abuse as adults more than girls who did not.
 - a. Women who witnessed the abuse of their mother as teens are more likely to become abusive adults.
 - b. Women who observed the abuse of their mothers when they were young are more likely to endure abuse themselves.
 - c. Women who were abused as children are more likely to abuse their own children.
 - d. Girls who testify about maternal abuse tolerate abuse as adults more readily.

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Exercise 5:

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1. There will be a music concert next to Vienna coffee shop. Would you like to go?

2. Malaria kills more than one million people annually, the overwhelming majority of them children in sub-Saharan Africa.

3. Although only about one-tenth of the world's population lives there, sub-Saharan Africa remains the hardest hit region, accounting for 72 percent of the people infected with HIV during 2000.

Pick the best possible paraphrase for the following sentence.

4. Martha thinks that the issue of adolescent problems is important to write about.
 - a. Martha thinks that adolescents like to write about their problems.
 - b. Martha feels that writing about adolescent problems is worthwhile.
 - c. Martha believes that the dream of most adolescents is to write something important.
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