Introduction to Science and Technology: Reflection 2

During the one-and-a-half week, I learned more about how to write a proper essay by synthesising ideas, paraphrasing and summarising the idea, and constructing a logical argument in the first lesson. After a break for International Labour Day, I learn more about verbal presentation in the second lesson by analysing and critiquing different presentation styles and learning how to engage with the audience. Teacher Peter Farrell, a guest lecturer from the Learning Advising Team, teaches the two lessons. He tells us to divide into three groups and discuss and take notes on each other's ideas in order to paraphrase a sentence. In the first lesson, my group and I were unable to collaborate, and we had a minor disagreement with others, causing our work to be late and inferior to that of other groups. Because I was embarrassed, my group and I worked together on the second lesson to prepare a good presentation. It felt fantastic to finish this together.

Learning how to paraphrase a sentence and getting a good idea of how to prepare a good presentation is critical in this course and in the future. This lesson establishes the foundation for new writing and thinking skills. To paraphrase an essay, I now know that I don't have to paraphrase the entire essay; instead, I can paraphrase a "chunk" of it to save time and avoid plagiarism. In terms of the presentation, I need to learn more about the preparation I need to do in order to give a good presentation, as well as how to engage the audience in order to communicate my idea and some important notes to avoid making mistakes when creating a slide.

Understanding paraphrases improves my writing confidence and allows me to write more quickly and with less plagiarism. It improved my writing and helped me overcome my fear of writing. In addition, by engaging with the audience to persuade them to accept my ideas, preparing a good slide, and using some good gestures and avoiding bad body language, I can learn a little more about how to give a good presentation.

This new knowledge, I believe, will be beneficial throughout my life. In my life, I will get an essay in a reliable manner by using paraphrase to maintain the main idea and avoid plagiarism, and it will help me feel more confident in presenting to avoid problems with slides and body language.