

## Paraphrasing Method 1: Use Different Vocabulary with the Same Meaning

Most students try to use this method, but actually it can be difficult to use. The reason is that although English has many synonyms such as 'large' or 'big', it is unusual for these words to have exactly the same meaning.

For example, look at this original sentence and two paraphrased equivalents:

1. "It can be difficult to choose a suitable place to study English."



2. "It is often a challenge to pick up (x) a relevant (x) school to learn English."

3. "It is sometimes hard to select an appropriate place to learn English."

## Paraphrasing Method 2: Change the Order of Words

Changing the word order of a phrase or sentence is usually safer than using synonyms because the words are the same, so the meaning must be the same. However, it is not always easy to decide which words to move or to decide to which position the words should be moved

a. If the original sentence has two or more clauses, change the order of the clauses.

1. "If they have some help, most people can paraphrase effectively. However, practice is important because paraphrasing is difficult."



2. "Most people can paraphrase effectively, if they have some help. Paraphrasing is difficult, however, so practice is important."

b. If the original sentence has an adjective and noun, change the adjective into a relative clause.

1. "Writing essays can be a challenging task."



2. "Writing essays can be a task which is challenging."

## Paraphrasing Method 3: Use Different Grammar

It sounds very difficult to use different grammar, but actually it is easier than changing vocabulary. In addition, if you change the grammar and make an error, usually the reader will understand what you mean. However, if you change the vocabulary and make an error, often the reader will not understand what you mean. So, although changing the grammar has some advantages, it is still not easy and you should practice it as often as possible. Here are two suggestions for how to change the grammar without making errors:

a. Change some of the words in the original sentence into different parts of speech (you will often need to change the word order and some other words, too).

1. "The most effective way **to build** your English skill is to **study regularly**."



2. "The most effective way **of building** your English skill is to **do studying on a regular basis**."

b. If the original sentence is in the active voice, change it to passive or vice versa.

1. "To improve English, you **should learn** new vocabulary on a daily basis."



2. "To improve English, new vocabulary **should be learned** on a daily basis"