

# **Paraphrasing & Plagiarism**

- understand paraphrasing & plagiarism
- Understand what to do in order to avoid plagiarism
- Recognize what happens in a paraphrase
- Recall what purpose citations serve in paraphrasing

**Objective**

- Paraphrasing means rewriting someone else's ideas in your own words.
- Its an alternate to quoting, where we use other's exact words.
- Academically paraphrasing is better than quote because it shows how much is understood.
- It is important to acknowledge the source every time we paraphrase.

## **Paraphrasing**

- Read the passage several times to fully understand the meaning.
- Note down the key points.
- Write your version of the text without looking at the original.
- Compare your paraphrased text with the original passage and make minor changes if needed.
- Cite the source from where you found the idea.

**How to paraphrase?**

- Start your first sentence at a different point from that of the original source.
- Use synonyms (words that mean the same thing)
- You can restructure the sentences; change the sentence structure (e.g. from active to passive voice)
- Break the information into separate sentences.

**How to avoid plagiarism when you paraphrase?**

- A paraphrase is a rewriting of a specific passage from someone else, so it will be approximately the same length as the source's original quote.
- When you completely or partially describe the outcome of a more substantial part of the research, it is called a summary.

## **Difference between paraphrasing and summarising**

- Plagiarism is a word taken from Latin “Plagiarius” meaning ‘kidnapper’
- It is like committing a literary theft.
- It is an act of intellectual dishonesty.
- It is often the result of disorganized and improper research work.

## **Plagiarism**

- Failing the course
- Expulsion or suspension from your university
- Copyright infringement
- Ruined reputation and potentially the end of your career

## **Consequences of Plagiarism**



- Plan ahead.
- Work done in haste leads to copying information.
- Prepare an outline.
- Keep a record of the list of sources whenever you take reference.

**How to avoid plagiarism?**

- Acknowledging the source is the safest way to avoid plagiarism.
- For example, the materials for these slides are taken from a web platform.

<https://www.scribbr.com/citing-sources/how-to-paraphrase/>