

MODULE: PARAPHRASING AND SUMMARISING: SUMMARY

PARAPHRASING

You are paraphrasing when you use somebody else's ideas that are contained in one or more paragraphs and express them in your words. Note that you are using your own words, not the author's words.

Article from the NY Times

Surrounded by sea and almost pancake flat, Singapore is without doubt vulnerable to the rising sea levels many scientists predict global warming will cause.

Paraphrased version

Global warming will cause the ice caps to melt. This will raise the sea levels. As Singapore is a flat island surrounded by sea on all sides, we should be worried about rising sea levels (Arnold, 2007).



Arnold, W. (2007, August 29). *Vulnerable to rising seas, Singapore envisions a giant seawall*. New York Times. Retrieved December 15, 2009, from <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/29/world/asia/29iht-Dikes.2.7301576.html>.

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SUMMARISING

Summarising is quite similar to paraphrasing in that you use your own words to describe somebody else's idea or work.

Summary of Al Gore's book on climate change

According to Al Gore (2007), the ravages of global warming are too many to be ignored. The polar ice caps are melting at an alarming rate resulting in rising water levels, which are slowly killing the plant and animal life there. The changes at the poles are playing havoc with weather conditions elsewhere in the world. We are now seeing more flooding and more severe hurricane seasons as the years go by. Thousands of people have already lost their lives or their livelihood. The numbers are just going to rise if we don't act now!



Gore, A. (2007). *An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming*. Viking Juvenile.

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**REMEMBER, WHEN YOU SUMMARISE
OR PARAPHRASE, ALWAYS CITE THE
SOURCE.**