

L4 – Reading & Writing

Lesson 7

Today, we will...

1. Have a vocabulary quiz
2. Make groups for presentation
3. Discuss what you've read
4. Summarizing & paraphrasing



Make Groups for presentation

“Presentation” Assignment

Starting Lesson 10 (wk12), we will begin our in-class assignment in the form of student teaching.

1. Find your partners. 3 people per group (1 group of 4). Give me the names of the members in your group. Your group # will be given in the order I receive your names.
2. Find a suitable article(800–1,000w) by next class and send it to me through email (2455943146@qq.com)



Summarizing & Paraphrasing

Summarizing V.S. Paraphrasing

Summarizing aims to reduce information to a suitable length, allowing the writer to condense lengthy sources into a concise form.

Paraphrasing means changing the wording of a text so that it is significantly different from the original source, without changing the meaning.

Take a look at the two sentences below. What are some differences and similarities?

There has been much debate about the reasons for the Industrial Revolution happening in eighteenth-century Britain, rather than in France or Germany.

Why the Industrial Revolution occurred in Britain in the eighteenth century, instead of on the continent, has been the subject of considerable discussion.

Different structure + words

Same meaning + common phrases

Exercise 1

Read a short excerpt from a journal. Then try to paraphrase the information by using the three techniques below.

The causes of the Industrial Revolution

Allen (2009) argues that the best explanation for the British location of the Industrial Revolution is found by studying demand factors. By the early eighteenth century high wages and cheap energy were both features of the British economy. Consequently, the mechanization of industry through such inventions as the steam engine and mechanical spinning was profitable because employers were able to economize on labor by spending on coal. At that time, no other country had this particular combination of expensive labor and abundant fuel.

Techniques for Paraphrasing (1/3)

Changing vocabulary by using synonyms:

- argues → claims
- eighteenth century → 1700s
- wages → labour costs
- economize → saving

Techniques for Paraphrasing (2/3)

Changing word class:

- explanation (n.) → explain (v.)
- mechanical (adj.) → mechanise (v.)
- profitable (adj.) → profitability (n.)

Techniques for Paraphrasing (3/3)

Changing word order:

... the best explanation for the British location of the Industrial Revolution is found by studying demand factors.

A focus on demand may help explain the UK origin of the Industrial Revolution.

Sample Paraphrase

The causes of the Industrial Revolution

The reason why Britain was the birthplace of the industrial revolution can be understood by analyzing demand in the early 1700s, according to Allen (2009). He maintains that, uniquely, Britain had the critical combination of cheap energy from coal and high labor costs. This encouraged the adoption of steam power to mechanize production, thus saving on wages and increasing profitability.

Exercise 1: Find synonyms for the words underlined. Rewrite the paragraph using these.

It is widely agreed that men and women think and act in different ways. Women appear to have better memories, better social skills and are more competent at multi-tasking. Men, in contrast, seem to focus better on issues and have superior motor and spatial skills, although clearly many people are exceptions to these patterns.

Exercise 1: Sample paraphrase

It is generally considered that males and females think and behave in different ways. Women seem to have superior memories, better social abilities and are more successful at multi-tasking. Men, by comparison, seem to focus better on subjects and have superior motor and spatial abilities, although obviously many people do not follow these patterns.

Exercise 2: Change the word class of the underlined words. Rewrite the paragraph using the changes.

These differences have been explained as behavior adopted thousands of years ago, when the men went hunting while the women stayed at home and cared for their children. But another approach is to see the behavior as a result of the way our brains function.

Exercise 2: Sample paraphrase

The explanation for these differences may be the way people behaved thousands of years ago, when men were hunters while women stayed at home as carers for their children. But another approach is to see the behavior as resulting from the way our brains function.

Exercise 3: Change the word order of these sentences, rewrite the paragraph so that the meaning stays the same.

Recent research into brain functioning by Ragini Verma's team at the University of Pennsylvania has used brain scans to compare 428 men and 521 women. They tracked the pathways of water molecules around the brain area, and found fascinating differences.

Exercise 3: Sample Paraphrase

The brain functioning of 428 men and 521 women has been compared using brain scans, in recent research by Ragini Verma's team at Pennsylvania University. Fascinating differences were found by tracking the pathways of water molecules around the brain area.

Exercise 4: Combine all three techniques to paraphrase this paragraph

The top half of the brain is called the cerebrum, and it is divided into a left and a right half. The left hemisphere is thought to be the home of logic and the right is the center of intuition. Dr. Verma found that with women most of the pathways went between the two halves, while with men they stayed inside the hemispheres. She believes that these results explain the gender differences in abilities, such as women's social competence compared to men's more intense focus on a limited area.

Exercise 4: Sample Paraphrase

The cerebrum is the name for the upper part of the brain, and this consists of left and right halves. It is believed that logic is controlled from the left half, while the right side deals with intuition. Dr Verma's research discovered that the female molecule pathways were mainly between the two parts, but the male pathways were generally within the halves. Her conclusion is that these findings are an explanation for differences in skills between the sexes, for example greater social ability in women in contrast to stronger male focus on single issues.

⑤ Homework

1. Reading Assignment:

Benefits & Risks of AI
Textbook's Digital Future

Decide on an article as a group!

2. Writing Assignment:

Finish summary assignment



Thanks!

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