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PARAPHRASING AND SUMMARIZING IN ACADEMIC
WRITING

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Abstract: *Paraphrasing and summarizing are important skills for students because they help us use information from different sources without copying. These skills show how well we understand a text and how clearly we can explain ideas in our own words. This paper discusses what paraphrasing and summarizing mean, how they differ, and why they are necessary for academic writing.*

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Introduction

In academic writing, students often need to read many texts and use them in their essays or projects. To do this correctly, we must avoid copying the original words. Paraphrasing and summarizing help us present the ideas of other authors in our own way. These skills are also important for academic honesty because they help prevent plagiarism. Understanding how to paraphrase and summarize effectively can improve our writing and make our work clearer.

Main Body

1. What is Paraphrasing?

Paraphrasing means expressing the same idea as the original text but using different words and sentence structures. When we paraphrase, we do not change the meaning, only the form. Paraphrasing shows that the student understands the idea well enough to rewrite it in a new way. A good paraphrase should be different from the original but still accurate.

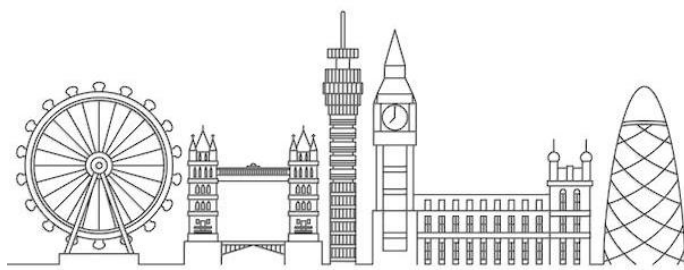
2. How to Paraphrase Effectively

Students can paraphrase better by using the following strategies:

- Read the original text carefully until the meaning is clear.
- Change the sentence structure or rewrite the idea from a different angle.
- Replace key words with suitable synonyms.
- Write the idea without looking at the original text, then compare.
- Cite the source even if the words are changed.

These steps help students avoid accidental plagiarism and improve their writing skills.

3. What is Summarizing?





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Summarizing means reducing a long text into a short version that contains only the main ideas. Unlike paraphrasing, a summary does not include detailed information. It focuses on the main message of the writer. Summaries are useful when we need to present important points quickly and clearly.

4. How to Summarize Effectively

To summarize well, students need to:

- Identify the main idea and the most important points.
- Leave out examples, explanations, and extra details.
- Use short and clear sentences.
- Keep the summary much shorter than the original text.

A good summary shows that the student can understand and evaluate which information is essential.

5. Differences Between Paraphrasing and Summarizing

Although both are rewriting techniques, paraphrasing and summarizing have different purposes. Paraphrasing keeps almost the same amount of information as the original, while summarizing makes the text much shorter. Paraphrasing explains an idea in a new form, but summarizing focuses on the main idea only. Understanding these differences helps students decide which skill to use depending on the task.

6. Why These Skills Are Important

Paraphrasing and summarizing help students write better academic papers. They make our work clearer, more original, and more responsible. These skills also help us avoid plagiarism, which is a serious problem in academic writing. When students paraphrase and summarize correctly, they show respect for the original authors and also develop their own analytical thinking.

Conclusion

Paraphrasing and summarizing are key parts of academic writing. They help students understand texts more deeply and present information in their own words. Learning how to use these skills effectively improves academic honesty and strengthens overall writing ability. Students who master paraphrasing and summarizing become more confident and independent writers.

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