Paraphrasing

Paraphrasing is to write and cite another's ideas in your own words.

A good paraphrase

- preserves the main ideas
- captures the important details
- retains the relationship of ideas
- retains the attitude of the author towards the subject
- uses different sentence structure and language to the original
- retains technical terms and specialised vocabulary
- has accurate citation and referencing





Check with your tutor about permissable AI use, and be careful using online paraphrasing tools as you may

- breach academic integrity
- lose the nuance of your writing style
- · change the intended meaning
- alter your intended emphasis or flow of ideas

Steps to Paraphrasing

- 1. Ensure you understand the text.
- 2. Highlight the main point(s).
- 3. Write down key words.
- 4. Cover the original and explain the idea aloud. Record or use a voice-to-text function to capture your expression of the idea.
- 5. Check you have retained the main idea, important details, and the author's attitude towards the subject.
- 6. Write complete sentence(s), keeping the style simple.
- Check you have different sentence structure and language to the original but have retained technical terms and specialised vocabulary.
- 8. Add the citation and reference.





Paraphrasing Example

The good paraphrase below captures the main points and important details, has different sentence structure and language to the original, retains the attitude of the author to the topic, and retains specialised terminology.

Original Text	Poor Paraphrase	Good Paraphrase
- keywords bolded	- phrases that have been copied	
	- phrases that misrepresent the original text	
Data suggest that DPs (those with developmental	Murray et al. (2018) found that those with	Murray et al. (2018) found that
prosopagnosia) have limited insight into their	developmental prosopagnosia have limited	recognition of one's own
difficulties and several factors impact the	insight into their difficulties, and that there are	developmental prosopagnosia usually
likelihood of, and age at which, insight is gained.	several factors that impact on the likelihood of,	occurs in adulthood, yet symptoms are
Questionnaires and interviews explored the age at	and age at which, insight is gained. Self-	evident from early childhood and may
which the condition can potentially be detected. In	awareness of these difficulties often does not	be recognisable by others. Although
short, it appears that most individuals do not	occur until adulthood, and the age of	many factors influence the age and
become aware of their own difficulties until	recognising one's own difficulties varies widely,	chance of self-awareness of the
adulthood. However, symptoms of DP may still be	from childhood to adulthood. However,	condition, Murray et al. believe using a
apparent in childhood, even if the affected	symptoms can be evident in childhood, even in	list of symptoms can aid early diagnosis.
individual is unaware of their difficulties at the	those as young as two or three years of age,	
time. This finding raises the possibility that the	spotted by others if they are provided with a	
condition can be spotted by others, if provided	checklist of symptoms.	
with an appropriate symptom checklist.		

Reference

Murray, E., Hills, P. J., Bennetts, R. J., & Bate, S. (2018). Identifying hallmark symptoms of developmental prosopagnosia for non-experts. *Scientific Reports, 8*(1690). https://doi:10.1038/s41598-018-20089-7

