

Paraphrasing Self-Assessment: Test Your Knowledge!

Directions: Answer the following questions to your best ability.

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- b. Replacing a few words from a passage with synonyms
- c. A brief statement of the content of a passage
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2. A strategy for paraphrasing is to copy a passage and change a few words.

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- b. False

3. A paraphrased passage should have the same meaning as the original passage.

- a. True
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4. When paraphrasing, as long as the author is cited in the passage the wording can be exactly the same as the original.

- a. True
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5. Which of the following best describes paraphrasing?

- a. Identifying the main idea of a passage and simplifying the text to fit your requirements
- b. Providing evidence for an author's claim by including a direct quote in your essay
- c. Rewriting ideas from a passage after understanding the main idea from the original source
- d. Writing an overview including key points of a passage in your own words

6. Paraphrasing is the same as summarizing.

- a. True
- b. False

7. Paraphrasing a passage is an alternative to using direct quotes in an essay.

- a. True
- b. False

8. Incorporating paraphrased text in your essay will:

- a. Allow you to provide definitions for unfamiliar terms
- b. Strengthen your writing by providing support for your ideas
- c. Change ideas from other authors to fit your needs
- d. All of the above

9. A strategy for effective paraphrasing is:

- a. Becoming familiar with vocabulary and ideas around the topic
- b. Determining the main idea and supporting details from the text
- c. Explaining the main idea of the text aloud to a partner
- d. All of the above

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