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Paraphrasing

Self-assessment: Test your knowledge!



Directions: Answer the following questions to your best ability.

1. What is paraphrasing?

- A. Including your opinion about text from a passage
- B. Replacing a few words from a passage with synonyms
- C. A brief statement of the content of a passage
- D. A restatement of ideas of a passage written in your own words

2. A strategy for paraphrasing is to copy a passage and change a few words.

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. True
- B. False

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
- B. False

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

10. It is unnecessary to include a citation when paraphrasing since you are sharing the ideas from another author in your own words.

- A. True
- B. False