



**ELA Virtual Learning**

**Grade 8/Quoting, Paraphrasing,  
and Summarizing**

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**



Lesson: 5/14/20

**Objective/Learning Target:**

**I can quote, paraphrase, and summarize text without plagiarising.**

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# LEARN

**Quoting** is a sentence or passage taken directly from a source. You do not change anything. To identify a quote, you place quotation marks around the selected passage. You will always cite who said the quote, usually by introducing who said it (see the example on the previous slide).

**Paraphrasing** is used to show that you understand what the author wrote. You must completely re-word the passage using your own words. Changing a few words here and there isn't considered paraphrasing. You will always cite the author since you are re-wording his/her ideas.

**Summarizing** is an overview of what the text is about. This is the main idea of the text.

# LEARNING continued



## 6 Steps to Effective Paraphrasing Without Plagiarising

1. Reread the original passage until you understand its full meaning.
2. Set the original aside, and write your paraphrase on a note card.
3. Jot down a few words below your paraphrase to remind you later how you envision using this material. At the top of the note card, write a key word or phrase to indicate the subject of your paraphrase.
4. Check what you wrote with the original to make sure that your version accurately expresses all the essential information in a new form.
5. Use quotation marks to identify any unique term or phrases you have borrowed exactly from the source.
6. Cite the author of the original passage after your paraphrasing. For example, if you are paraphrasing a passage on page 15 of John Smith's book, you would end your paraphrase with (Smith 15). Notice the example on slide 4.

# PRACTICE WITH INDEPENDENT WORK

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# Potential Answers: PRACTICE WITH INDEPENDENT WORK

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# Independent Practice Continued...

Here is a link to practice paraphrasing: [Paraphrasing Practice](#)

- Remember what you learned on slides 5 and 6.
- Pay attention to whether the paraphrasing example cites the person who originally wrote the passage.
- Keep trying the practice activity until you get all five correct on the first try!



Finally, grab the piece of paper you used for the quotation practice activity. Below the quotations, write a summary of a book you recently read or a movie you recently watched. Remember, a summary is a brief description of the main idea.

*Example:* *A Long Way Gone* is a true story about a boy who is forced to fight in a war. The boy experiences untold amounts of violence as he tries to escape danger.

# Additional Resources

Becoming a master at paraphrasing takes a lot of practice. Here's another practice opportunity: [Paraphrasing Practice](#)

Another way you can practice paraphrasing is to grab a book and find a passage from the book. Paraphrase that passage. Remember to rewrite it in your own words but don't leave out any of the important details. Your paraphrase should be similar in length to the original passage. Don't forget to cite the author at the end!

