

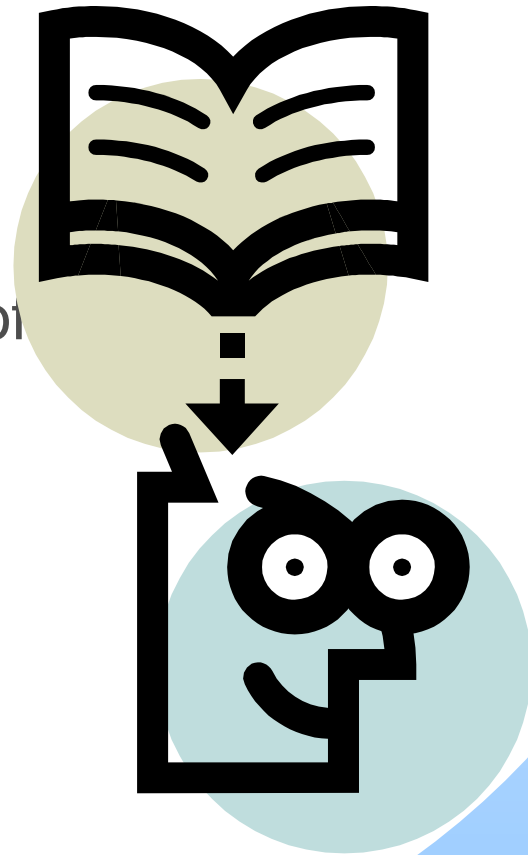
Writing a Great Speaker's Corner or Essay

In Your Own Words...

**Paraphrasing,
Turnitin.com & Topic
Sentences**

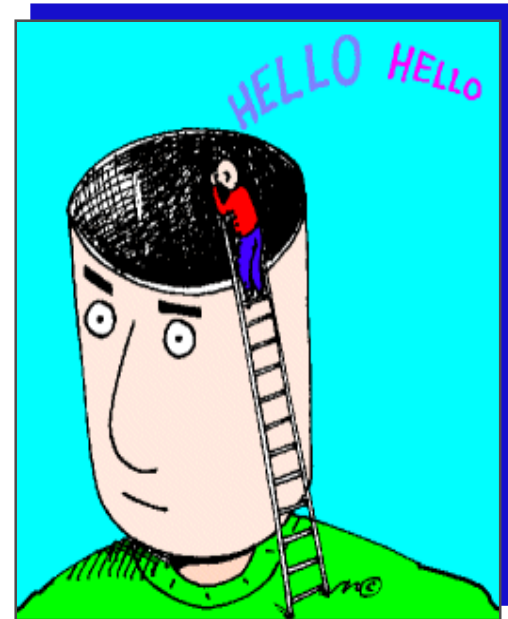
The Purpose of our lesson is to learn...

- How to put a passage **in your own words** without changing the meaning
- How to find the main idea of the text in order to **paraphrase** it
- How **Turnitin.com** will help you.
- How to write a **Topic Sentence**



What is Paraphrasing???

- **PARAPHRASING IS...**
- Used to **rewrite** the text in your own words
- Used to **clarify** meaning
- Used to **shorten** a longer statement but keep the main ideas
- Used to avoid **PLAGIARISM.**



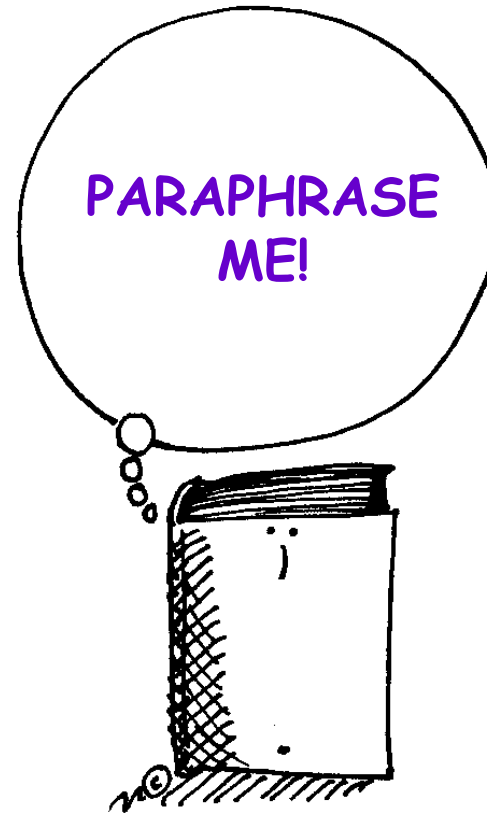
What is NOT Paraphrasing



- -Changing a couple of words.
- -Deleting a couple words or phrases.
- -Rearranging the order of the words.

So How Do We Do It?

- o Read the passage carefully
- o Decide the **main ideas** of the passage
- o **Identify** important words or phrases
- o Put the main points in your **own words**



Example 1

Option A

ORIGINAL PASSAGE

They have become part of our imaginations' landscape: the crusty Grinch who stole Christmas, gentle Horton the elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and the persistent Sam-I-Am with his green eggs and ham. All these and many more are the creations of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known to generations of readers as Dr. Seuss. Since publishing his first children's book over fifty years ago, Geisel became perhaps the most successful writer in the whole field of children's literature.

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Option B

Original Passage

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The adventuresome Cat in the Hat runs amok while Mother is away, leaving a horrible mess for the two astonished children who are so well behaved. The remarkable qualities of the story are its rhyme--done with only 223 words--and its quirky illustrations that are as silly as the tale itself.

The Cat in the Hat has many qualities that appeal to children. Using only 223 words and a catchy rhyme scheme, Dr. Seuss wrote the story of the naughty Cat in the Hat who gets himself into trouble. Children enjoy the adventurous story, and they can also learn to read because of the rhyming words.

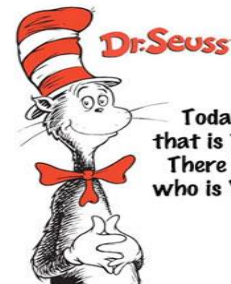
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Option B

Highlighted Passage

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The crazy Cat in the Hat runs wild while Mother is away, leaving a mess for the two surprised children who are so well behaved. The remarkable qualities of the story are its rhyme--done with only 223 words--and its illustrations that are as silly as the tale itself.



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There is **NO ONE** alive
who is **YOUER** than **YOU!**

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TOPIC SENTENCES are also important!

-A topic sentence **organizes** and **focuses** the entire paragraph.

-A topic sentence is usually the **first sentence** of the paragraph.

-Every sentence in the paragraph must **relate** to the **topic sentence**.

-There is **no announcing** in a **topic sentence**.

Topic Sentence Tips

Ask yourself what are you trying to prove in the paragraph:

What is one reason that smoking should be banned?

To write a topic sentence, answer the question

Q → S

(Question to Statement)

The United States should prohibit smoking because of the negative health consequences caused by smoking.

What does “Announcing” sound like?

- -In this report, you will read....
- -This report is about...
- -This means...
- -My topic sentence is...
- -Do you believe...If not, listen to this report...

• **ANYTHING ELSE LIKE THESE**

A Topic Sentence focuses all the other sentences in the paragraph.

- Which of these sentences do not belong?
 - **The United States should ban smoking because smoking damages the health of the smoker and everyone near the smoker. Nearly 400,000 people per year die from smoking related illnesses. Smoking can lead to illnesses such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, and lung disease. The smoking industry spends over \$30 million dollars a day advertising their products. Finally, smoking contributes to 1 in every 5 deaths in the United States. The United States should prohibit smoking because of the negative health consequences caused by smoking.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

**YOU HAVE
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