

PARAPHRASING

Paraphrasing is a valuable teaching technique. To paraphrase means to repeat an idea using different words. It enables the presenter to reinforce an important concept without repeating it word for word. Paraphrasing also:

1. gives students a second opportunity to hear the information.
2. gives students time to process the information being presented.
3. clarifies/simplifies a concept.
4. defines an unfamiliar or ambiguous vocabulary item.
5. gives students time to take notes.

A paraphrase can be signaled by:

1. a pause and drop in pitch if it's sentence internal;
Standard deviation, or in other words the distance from the mean, is the statistic we need here.
2. a transitional phrase such as;

In other words....	(By that) I mean....
That is (to say)....	In less technical terms....
Which is (to say)....	In layman's terms....
What I mean (to say) is....	Put another way....
Or....	

The following exercise is designed to give you an opportunity to practice paraphrasing. Repeat the following sentences and paraphrase where appropriate. Begin your paraphrase with a transitional phrase. Remember that there are many different ways to paraphrase any given idea and that it is often appropriate to follow a paraphrase with an example.

1. The ratio of these elements is constant. By that I mean....
2. The constant, _____, is k .
3. We must have a permeable membrane. In other words....
4. A permeable membrane, _____, plays an important role in desalinization.
5. This is based on the conservation of mass. What I mean is....
6. Conservation of mass, _____, is the underlying principle here.

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7. Some of the benefits of pollution control may be tangible and some may not. That is to say that....
8. The tangible benefits, _____, are the first to be mentioned.
9. Oxygen consumption is determined by the level of metabolism. What I mean is....
10. The level of metabolism, _____, is the determining factor.
11. The concentration of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) in rural areas is lower than in the industrial areas. That is....
12. It may not be feasible to build a road because of environmental conditions. In other words....
13. The mean is the arithmetical average. Another way....
14. In symmetrical distribution one side of a graph is a mirror image of the other. In other words....
15. Demand curves are downward sloping. In layman's terms....
16. Given information about the genes carried by each parent, one can deduce the genetic make-up of the offspring. To put it simply....