

TOPIC: PARAPHRASING

To **paraphrase** a sentence means to say it in a different way, using your own words. The meaning of the original sentence does not change, but the words do. You can paraphrase sentences by using synonyms or by wording phrases differently. Look at the following sentences from the reading, and notice how they have been changed.

Original: I **hate** my boss.

Paraphrase: I **don't like** my boss.

Original: It was his **manager** who had come **to see** why he was hurt.

Paraphrase: It was his **boss** who had come **to find out** why he was hurt.

Original: **Lately**, your report has **not been very good**.

Paraphrase: **Recently**, your report has **been bad**.

PRACTICE 1a: Paraphrase the sentences below. Replace the underlined word or words in the original sentence with a synonym or phrase that has a similar meaning.

1. I was unwell, but now I feel much better.

I was ill but now I feel fine.

2. The supervisor began to turn around and leave.

3. When he tried the fried rice, it tasted horrible.

4. A few months had passed, and there was only one traveller brave enough to travel the road.

5. His father ran to his son to beg him to stay.

PRACTICE 1b: Paraphrase the sentences or phrases below. You can replace any of the words or phrases. Make sure that your paraphrase has the same meaning as the original.

1. Yes, sister. You may go in now.

2. Since the accident, he no longer worked.

3. We could not believe what we saw.

4. This has to stop.

5. The robber disappeared when the victim screamed for help.
