Path Tutorial - Module 9: Paraphrasing Script

Learning Outcomes

Students will identify an acceptable paraphrase.

Students will explain the importance and purpose of paraphrasing.

Video Script: Jennifer Whitaker of the Writing Center Speaks on Paraphrasing

Hi! My name is Jennifer Whitaker, and I’m the Assistant Director of the Writing Center. I’d like to talk to you a little bit about paraphrasing. To paraphrase is to restate another author’s writing in your own words.

Paraphrasing is a useful tool in your writing for several reasons. First of all, paraphrasing makes your paper more readable. It allows you to use ideas from other authors while maintaining a consistent style in your writing. Also, being able to paraphrase an author’s thoughts shows that you understand what they were saying.

This section of the tutorial will show you what an acceptable paraphrase looks like. Just remember, if you paraphrase, you still have to cite your source. You may not be using an author's exact words, but you are using his or her ideas.