



Test Your Paraphrasing Skills Worksheet

The five quoted passages included in this worksheet are taken from writings in the textbook COMP, Canadian Edition (2014).

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Begin each of the five sections by carefully reading the quoted passage.
2. Using your own words, create a bulleted list of the ideas in the sentence(s).
3. Looking only at the bulleted list you created, write a paraphrase of the sentence(s) synthesizing the ideas you think are important.
4. Check to make sure that your paraphrase:
 - a. Accurately reflects the meaning of the original passage.
 - b. Uses your own words.
 - c. Uses your own phrasing or syntax.
5. If you're a CC student and find you still need help with these exercises, you are welcome to sign up for a free tutoring session at the Academic Success Centre located in Room 146 on the first floor of the Library Commons.

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QUOTE #1 (+STUDENT SAMPLE/EXEMPLAR)

Quote	Write a Bulleted List in Your Own Words
<p>Now another revolution could be sparked by automotive technology: one fueled by hydrogen rather than petroleum. Fuel cells – which cleave hydrogen atoms into protons and electrons that drive electric motors while emitting nothing worse than water vapour – could make the automobile much more environmentally friendly. Not only could cars become cleaner, they could also become safer, more comfortable, more personalized – and even perhaps less expensive. Further, these fuel-cell vehicles could be instrumental in motivating a shift toward a “greener” energy economy based on hydrogen. As that occurs, energy use and production could change significantly. Thus, hydrogen fuel-cell cars and trucks could help ensure a future in which personal mobility – the freedom to travel independently – could be sustained indefinitely, without compromising the environment or depleting the earth’s natural resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Change from petroleum to hydrogen •Environmentally friendly options •Many advantages to fuel based economy •Using hydrogen fuel cells encourages a more environmental and sustainable future
<p>Van Rys, J., VanderMey, R., Meyer, V., & Sebranek, P. (2014) . <i>COMP, Canadian Edition</i>.Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.</p>	

<p align="center">Paraphrase the paragraph here.</p>
<p>EXEMPLAR: STUDENT SAMPLE ANSWER</p> <p>Automobile technology may be delivering another radical economic and social change through the shift from gasoline to hydrogen fuel. By breaking hydrogen into protons and electrons so that the electrons run an electric motor with water vapour as the only by-product, fuel cells could make the car a “green” machine. But this technology could also increase the automobile’s safety, comfort, personal tailoring, and affordability. Moreover, this shift to fuel-cell engines in automobiles could lead to dramatic environmentally friendly changes in the broader energy industry, an industry that will be tied to hydrogen rather than to fossil fuels. The result of this shift will be radical changes in the way we use and produce energy. In other words, the shift to clean technology and hydrogen-powered vehicles could maintain society’s valued mobility while preserving the environment and earth’s natural resources.</p>

QUOTE #2

Quote	Write a Bulleted List in Your Own Words
<p>On September 20, 2009, Latin pop, rock and salsa rhythms danced through the air in Havana's Plaza de la Revolucion as more than one million people gathered to witness Paz Sin Fronteras II ("Peace Without Borders II). These benefit concerts brought together performers from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Ecuador and Venezuela. Juanes, a popular Colombian singer who headlined the concerts, explained the event's passion and power like this: "Music becomes an excuse to send a message that we are all here together building peace; that we are here as citizens, and this is what we want and we have to be heard" (Hispanic, 2009, p.17).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••••
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QUOTE #3

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<p>Primary sources are original sources, which means they give first-hand information on a topic. These sources, such as diaries, people, or events, inform you directly about a topic, rather than people's explanations or interpretations. The most common forms of primary research are observations, interviews, surveys, experiments, and analyses of original documents and artifacts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••••
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QUOTE #4

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<p>WikiLeaks has proven a rich source of news, however tenuous its journalistic status. WikiLeaks thinks of itself as doing the work of journalism, as evidenced in Julian Assange's comment: "It is the role of good journalism to take on powerful abusers, and when powerful abusers are taken on, there's always a bad reaction. So we see that controversy, and we believe that it is a good thing to engage in" (Noble, 2014, p.1). WikiLeaks' inherent structure, principally anonymity, is in fact antithetical to journalism and leaves the organization an odd blend of information leaker, newsmaker, editorializer, self-styled journalist, and general unclassified news medium.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••••
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QUOTE #5

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<p>As was the case with <i>Twilight</i> and <i>The Da Vinci Code</i>, <i>The Hunger Games</i> frenzy began with a Collins's 2008 novel and its two sequels, <i>Catching Fire</i> (2009) and <i>Mockingjay</i> (2010) sold very well before the movie was announced. By late 2010 there were almost 3 million copies in print. Now there are ten times that many, in twenty-six languages in thirty-eight countries, including 2 million in Canada. And the novels have been equally strong in e-book format – Collins was the first young-adult genre author, and sixth author overall, to join Amazon's "Kindle Million Club" meaning she has sold over a million Kindle versions. Earlier this month she shot to the top of the list as Kindle's bestselling author ever.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">••••
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