

Check your paraphrase

Use the checklist and refer to the examples below to paraphrase and cite your sources.

Characteristics of an effective paraphrase

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | The paraphrase is no longer than the original text. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The meaning of the paraphrase is similar to the original text. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The sentence structure and style of the paraphrased text is different from the original. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The majority of adjective, nouns, and verbs used to paraphrase the text are different from those used in the original text. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The source of the paraphrased information is cited where appropriate. |

Example quotation: Rewriting does not make an *idea* yours; it only makes the *words* yours. A citation credits the idea to someone else; quotation marks credit the words to someone else.

Reference: Bauman, M.G., & Werier, C. (1996). *Ideas and details: A guide to writing for Canadians*. Harcourt Brace & Company

Quoting material shows that the words of the quotation do not belong to you. **Paraphrasing material means that the ideas you are writing about belong to someone else. Paraphrasing and citing a passage indicates that you are writing about someone's idea in own words** (Bauman and Werier, 1996, p. 216). [←Too long.](#)

Citing a paraphrase provides others with the source of **the words used** in the paraphrase (Bauman & Werier, 1996, p. 216). [←Too different.](#)

Paraphrasing **does not mean** you own an idea; **it only means** you wrote the words. A citation shows where the idea came from; **quotation marks tell** readers where the words came from (Bauman & Werier, 1996, p. 216).

Rewriting **makes the words yours**, but not the idea. **Quotation marks credit** others with words, a **citation credits** others with ideas (Bauman & Werier, 1996, p. 216). [←Too similar \(as above\)](#)

Paraphrasing and citing a passage indicates that you are writing about someone else's idea in your own words. [←Missing citation](#)

Example paraphrase: Quoting a phrase shows that the words of the quotation don't belong to you. On the other hand, paraphrasing and citing a passage indicates that you are writing about someone's idea in your own words (Bauman & Werier, 1996, p. 216).