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Lecture 19 Paraphrasing in Writing

What is Paraphrasing?

A paraphrase is restatement (in your own words) of the ideas in the original. Good paraphrasing can demonstrate that you have understood the text you have read and can avoid plagiarizing.

The most common strategy used to accomplish Paraphrasing involves replacing words in the source with synonyms and perhaps changing the grammar.

- Find important points
- Find important relationships
- Find linking phrases and expression
- Find verbs that might establish other relationships
- Find possible synonyms for the source vocabulary and changing the part of speech (noun to verbs, for instance)

How to do the Paraphrasing

Nondriving-related devices, such as car stereos, mobile phones, and, more recently, navigation systems, divert drivers' attention increasingly more away from the primary sources of information necessary for safe operation of the vehicles: the road and other road users.

Important Points

- There are a lot of devices in cars that have nothing to do with operating a vehicle.
- These devices can distract drivers.
- Drivers are so distracted that may not pay attention to the road and other drivers.

Important Relationships

- Cause and effect

Linking phrases and expressions that can connect the two points

- because / therefore / as a result

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Verbs that might establish other relationships

- is due to / caused by / can be attributed to / leading to

Possible Synonyms:

- such as → like , including
- more recently → lately
- devices → technology
- divert → distract, sidetrack, take away, diversion
- non-driving → ?
- primary sources → main inputs
- necessary → needed, required
- safe → secure

Example of Paraphrasing

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Example 1 - Safe driving practices may be compromised due to the presence of technology in cars that is not directly related to vehicle operation including cell phones, music players, and GPS.

Example 2 - Drivers today may fail to concentrate on the road and other drivers due to the presence of technology such as cell phones, music players, GPS, and other technology that is unrelated to driving.

Writing Task TWENTY-TWO

Write an introduction for each of the topics below. Use paraphrasing.

Topic 1 – What are the main tasks of universities: to offer students knowledge and skills essential for their future career, or to provide students with access to knowledge itself? What do you think university education should contain?

Topic 2 – Some people think that children should learn to compete, but others think that children should be taught to co-operate so that they could become more useful adults. State some reasons for both views and give your opinion.

Topic 3 – The world of work is changing rapidly. People today no longer take one job for life. Discuss the causes of these changes. What suggestions would you make for young people to prepare themselves for the work in future?

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