


Reading Strategy: 07 Paraphrasing

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■ Paraphrasing

Using your own words to describe something you've read. It can be about the same length or even longer than the original passage. Paraphrasing is used for the following reasons:

- to restate a difficult passage the reader may not understand,
- to explain or interpret concepts or unfamiliar terms,
- or to make abstract facts and ideas concrete.

1. How Do We Do It?

■ Steps:

1. Read the passage carefully
2. Decide the main ideas of the passage
3. Highlight important words or phrases
4. Put the main points in your own words.

■ Tips:

1. Replace synonyms.
2. Use different words.
3. Make a different sentences. ➔ **But the Same Meaning.**

2. Example A: Sentence

2-1. Original:

Giraffes like Acacia leaves and hay and they can consume 75 pounds of food a day.

Paraphrase:

A giraffe can eat up to 75 pounds of Acacia leaves and hay every day.

2-2. Original:

Any trip to Italy should include a visit to Tuscany to sample their exquisite wines.

Paraphrase:

Be sure to include a Tuscan wine-tasting experience when visiting Italy.

3. Example B: Passage

Original:

At just 8.5 square miles, the Pacific island country of Nauru is one of the smallest countries in the world. The island was once rich in phosphate, but most of the resource has been mined leaving damage to the environment behind. Nauru has a population of about 10,000 people.

Paraphrase:

Nauru is a Pacific island country that is only 8.5 square miles in area. It is one of the smallest countries on the planet and only about 10,000 people live there. Nauru has mined its once plentiful supplies of phosphate. This has damaged the environment on the island.

99-2 BC Test

ES-ME is a fun computer program. Here is how it works:

- ✧ First, tell *ES-ME* your birthday.
- ✧ Then ask your question.
- ✧ Finally, you will get an answer from *ES-ME*.



Below are the four questions people most often ask, and the funny answers they get.

Q1: Will I get a good job?

ES-ME—Sure you will, if you are able to do a good job.

Q2: When will I die?

ES-ME—You'll know when the time comes.

Q3: Can I find my true love?

ES-ME—Yes, you can, if there's true love in the world.

Q4: What will be on my next school test?

ES-ME—It will be what you've been taught.

37. What does "You'll know when the time comes" mean in the reading?

- (A) You will die when you get old.
- (B) You should know time flies and never waits.
- (C) You can know when you will die only when you are dying.
- (D) You can believe time is the best medicine for a broken heart.


100-1 BC Test

Below is an ad of Carefree Helpline.

Mom hates. Dad forgets. Brothers and sisters never care.
Friends lie. People laugh. Even your dog turns away.
You feel lost. Nobody helps.
You talk. Nobody listens.

On Helpline: You talk. We listen.
We listen to all you would like to share.
It costs nothing to ask for help.
Call 080-911911 anytime, from Monday to Sunday.
Carefree Helpline cares for you, day and night.



 *To talk face to face, please call 080-122133.*

28. What does your dog turns away mean in the reading?

- (A) Your dog bites other people.
- (B) Your dog does not care about you.
- (C) Your dog is kicked and runs away.
- (D) Your dog cannot find its way home.

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90-1 BC Test

Dear Ann,

I am really worried about my daughter, Shirley. I don't know why, but she always thinks she is too heavy. She eats only a little rice and some vegetables. She refuses (拒絕) fish, beef and pork. "Coke" and "dessert" are taboo words to her.

The problem is that she is NOT heavy at all. In fact, the doctor says she is skinny. But she still believes being thinner will make her prettier. I'm afraid she will get sick before she becomes any "prettier."

Worried father,
Joseph

35. What does the doctor mean by saying Shirley is skinny?

- (A) She is too thin.
- (B) She is very beautiful.
- (C) She is seriously sick.
- (D) She should eat more vegetables.

92-1 BC Test

When I was a little girl, my family lived in a small village. There was a very beautiful river near my home. The water was clean and cool. I liked to go fishing there with my mom. We would catch fish, look for clams and play in the water. There were also a lot of birds near the river. We would spend all day watching the birds. Life was beautiful and wonderful in the old days.

Now my family lives in the city. Last Sunday my daughter asked me to take her to see the beautiful river I was always talking about.” I want so much to go fishing there with you and ,”she said.

When we went to the river, we only saw a factory and a mountain of garbage. My mom was surprised, my daughter was disappointed, and I was sad—the river was my best friend; I grew up with it. Now there are no fish in it; the birds are gone, too. I hear it crying for help. But what can I do?

45. What did the writer mean when she said, “I grew up with it?”
- (A) She helped clean the garbage out of the river.
 - (B) She spent much time playing around the river.
 - (C) She had many friends who lived near the river.
 - (D) She grew well by eating fish and clams from the river.

96-1 BC Test

My mother is always busy. During the day, she sits in front of the computer and writes stories for children. Mom always says that writing is the most important thing in her life. She enjoys it a lot and also gets paid for her writing. That makes her happy because she has three daughters to bring up.


Mom always tries to finish her writing before we get back in the evening. By doing so, she has more time to be with us. Mom loves talking and reading with us, but she hates cooking and cleaning. So we have learned how to do housework since we were very young.

Mom is always busy writing and taking care of us, but she is always smiling. To me, my mother is the most beautiful woman in the world.

30. What does the writer try to say in the reading?
- (A) Her mother is a busy but happy woman.
 - (B) She hopes to be a writer like her mother.
 - (C) She should study harder to make her mother happy.
 - (D) Her mother should learn how to use the computer better.

Ans: p.2 37. C p.3 28. B 35. A p.4 45. B 30. A

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