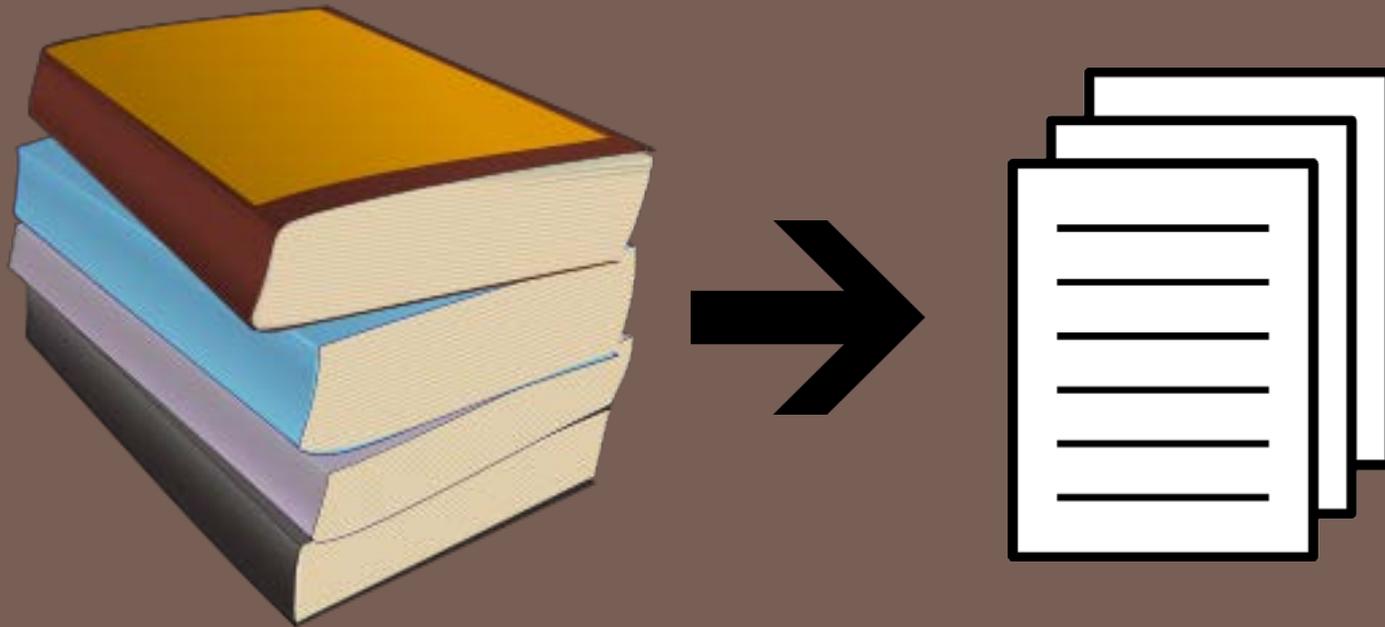


SUMMARIZING & PARAPHRASING: AVOIDING PLAGIARISM



Plagiarism



“The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary).

Why Bother?

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Including other works allows you to support your own ideas and adds credibility when you use them correctly.

- Paraphrasing and Summarizing:
 - ▣ Express ideas in a quicker, more straightforward way
 - ▣ Avoid unnecessary details
 - ▣ Condense large ideas into compact, easily understood chunks that can add to your writing
- Quotations:
 - ▣ Restate someone else's ideas in a respectable, cited manner
 - ▣ Clarify that a passage or phrase is not your own

Two Types of Plagiarism

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Accidental

- ❑ Paraphrasing poorly
- ❑ Quoting poorly
- ❑ Inaccurate citations

Intentional

- ❑ Pre-written papers
- ❑ Copying directly (without quote or citation)
- ❑ Copyrighted work
- ❑ Having someone else do the work

What are the Consequences?

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- According to plagiarism.org, **academic punishments** may include failure of an assignment or **expulsion** from the institution.
- **Professional punishments** may include getting **fired** and difficulty finding another job in the same field or beyond.
- **Legal punishments** may include fines from \$100 to \$5,000 and jail time!
 - ▣ In some states plagiarism is a **felony** punishable by **10 years in jail** and up to a **\$250,000 fine**.

What are the Consequences?

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- Not to mention it can damage your reputation and credibility...

Michelle Obama's 2008 DNC speech:

And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: that you work hard for what you want in life; that your word is your bond and you do what you say you're going to do; that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them, and even if you don't agree with them. And Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values, and pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.

Melania Trump's 2016 RNC speech:

From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life; that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise; that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily life. That is a lesson that I continue to pass along to our son, and we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them.

If you don't think that people will notice, you are very wrong.

Famous Cases

Summarizing, Paraphrasing and Quotations

Methods of reviewing, shortening and referencing passages or other types information



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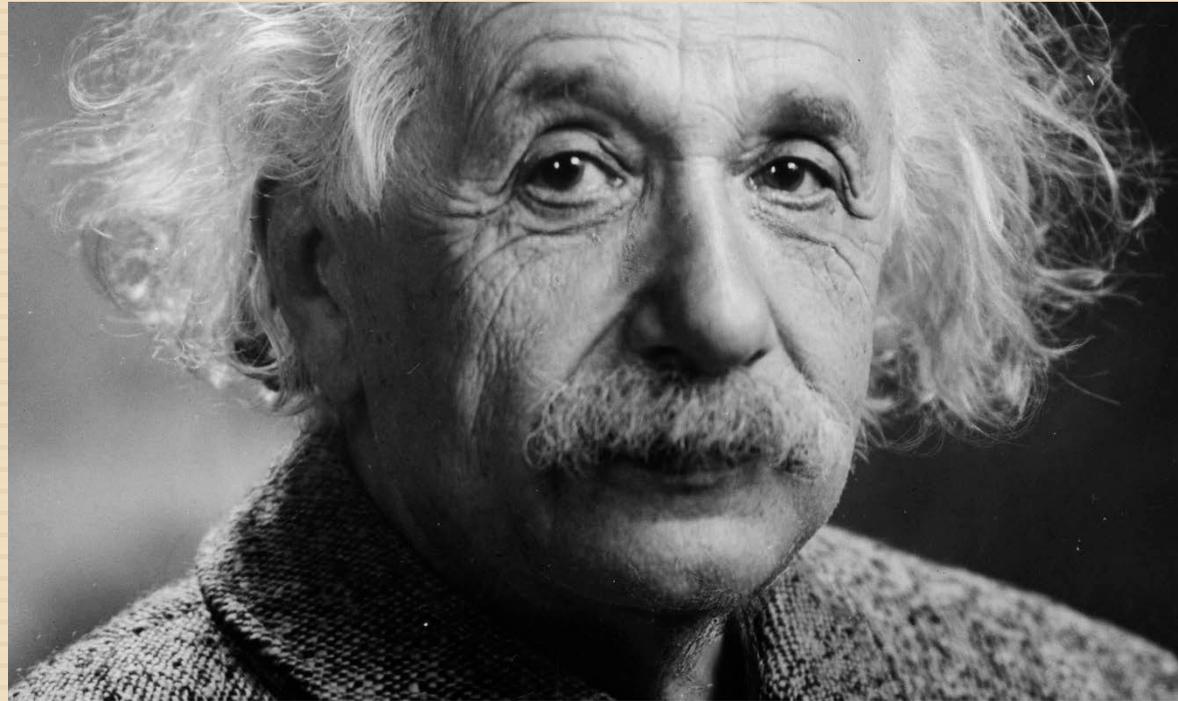
Quotations

- Repeating a passage the exact way it was spoken or written
- Use quotation marks to distinguish someone else's words from your own
- **Cannot** be altered & are identical to original



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“Two things are endless: the universe and human stupidity. The first one likely isn’t.”



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Albert Einstein

“Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I’m not sure about the former.”

Proper Quotations

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- Double quotation marks when quoting someone else's words:
 - ▣ As my professor said, “There isn’t any such thing as a free lunch.”
- Single quotation marks are used for a quote within a quote:
 - ▣ Anthony told me, “Bob said, ‘I can’t make it.’ ”
- If punctuation is part of the original quotation, it must go inside the quotation marks.

[sic] and Brackets

- “sic” is Latin, essentially meaning “as it was written.”
- Used in a quote to clarify an error or choice of word is the quote’s own:
 - ▣ The email proclaimed, “a one-of-a-time offar [sic] that can’t be passed up!”
- Brackets should be used when you replace or change a word in a quote to better fit your sentence:
 - ▣ The professor berated the class.
 - ▣ The professor berated [his] class.

You Try!

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- Like the manual says said the instructor safety is important.
 - ▣ “Like the manual says,” said the instructor, “safety is important!”
- The book’s author remarks it was a dark and stormy night.
 - ▣ The book’s author remarks, “It was a dark and stormy night” ([Williams 2002](#)).

Proper Quotations

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When referencing...



- ▣ Books, movies, other lengthy works: ***Italics***
- ▣ Articles, poems, other short works:
Quotations
- ▣ If a quote is too long, use an ellipsis [...]

Proper Quotations

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- Capitalize the first word of a quote when it is a complete sentence or beginning of a sentence,
 - ▣ Like Elon Musk once said, “Rockets are cool.”

- If a quote is interrupted mid-sentence, you do not need to capitalize the next portion.
 - ▣ “But wait,” Michael argued, “isn’t that the same result as before?”

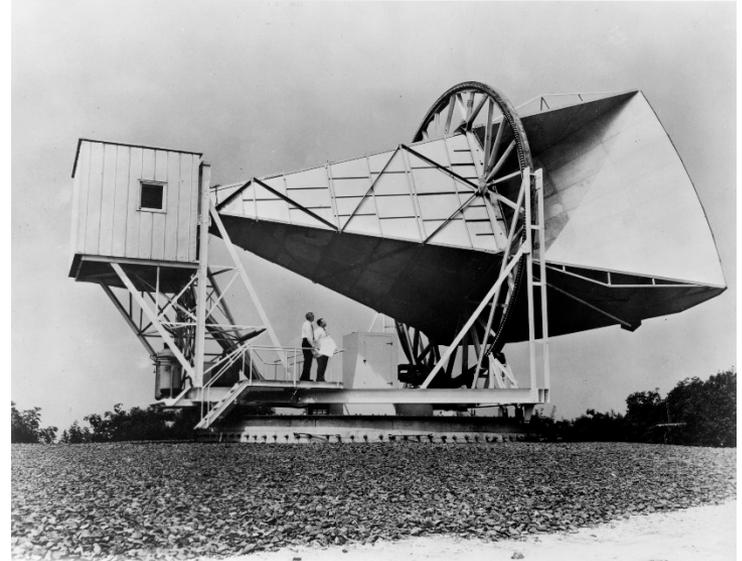
Paraphrasing

- Extracting the main point from a quote and rephrasing it in your own words
- Also known as “indirect quotation”

The Bell Labs Story

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Bell Labs serves as the original location of the discovery of cosmic background radiation. In 1964, During research on satellite signals, a quiet hum was picked up in all signals received. After days of testing and eliminating all other possibilities, the scientists came to the conclusion the signal was from none other than the universe itself.



Take a Guess:



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Cosmic background radiation was not proven to exist until 1964. While working at Bell Labs in New Jersey, two physicists discovered it in all of their tests with no other possible cause, concluding that the source was the universe itself.

Two physicists originally discovered cosmic background radiation in 1964. During the work both were performing on satellite signals, they found there was a quiet noise in all of their test results. The physicists tried to eliminate all of the sources that could have caused it, but failed to do so. This eventually led them to believe they had discovered the first proof of cosmic background radiation.

Steps to Paraphrasing

1. Reread the original passage.
2. Rewrite each sentence (or point) in your own words.
3. Use quotation marks to identify any borrowed words or phrases.
4. Cite the source (including the page).

Paraphrased Sentences

Original: Most nuclear power plants generate more energy on average than any other type of energy source.

Paraphrase: Nuclear power plants are one of the highest-producing energy sources.

Original: Common beliefs can change over time. For example, most people once thought the Sun orbited around the Earth.

Paraphrase: People believed at one time that the Sun orbited the Earth. Nowadays, people know the opposite, showing that common beliefs don't stay the same.

You Try: Paraphrasing Practice

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- Getting enough sleep and drinking enough water will make you feel better and help your body function properly.

- Adopting a dog into your family can teach your children important lessons in how to be responsible and care for another living thing.

What's the Difference?

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Summarizing

- Putting main ideas in your own words
- Must attribute source
- Shorter than original source

Paraphrasing

- Putting source material in your own words
- Must attribute source
- Not concerned with length

Summarizing

1. =

- To sum up the main points of a passage in your own words
- Short, condensed, and concise

2. =

- Focus is on the main point
- Length of summary depends on length of source

How to Summarize

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Questions to ask yourself:

- ❑ What is the main idea?
- ❑ What details are necessary?
- ❑ What is the shortest way I can get the point across?

Things to look out for:

- ❑ Unnecessary details
- ❑ Do not include your own analysis in the summary

Two Truths and a Lie

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- Summarizing is usually shorter than paraphrasing.
- Quotes require citations, but summaries and paraphrases do not.
- Plagiarism can occur if you copy from your own work.

Summarizing



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- **Original Passage:** Alexander Fleming is well-known for his accidental discovery of penicillin. In 1940, after returning home from a vacation, he discovered mold growing on a laboratory petri dish. Noting that the mold was adept at killing the disease in the same dish, he actively tried to replicate it. Eventually, this resulted in the innovation of the penicillin drug.
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One More Truth

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- It is important to include all of the details from a passage in a summary.
- Quotes always need to be capitalized.
- Introductions to most quotes (like signal phrases) require a comma.

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Additional Resources

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Some useful websites for quoting, paraphrasing and summarizing:

- <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/563/1/>
- <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k70847&pageid=icb.page350378>
- The Schoolcraft Writing Fellows!