The Strategic Instruction Model (SIM) Learning Strategies

**The Paraphrasing Strategy**

This strategy is an explicit instructional sequence that will help students understand what they are reading by identifying the main ideas and details and putting them in their own words.

W***arm Up Activity***

Paraphrase the following quotation:

“To make a difference is not a matter of accident or a matter of casual occurrence of the tides. People choose to make a difference.”

Maya Angelou

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What skills did you use to put this quote into your own words?

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What was difficult about paraphrasing?

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What benefit did you derive from paraphrasing this particular quotation?

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What do you think your students will need to know to be able to paraphrase a reading passage?

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