



Paraphrasing

Paraphrasing means putting information into your own words.

Characteristics of a Good Paraphrase

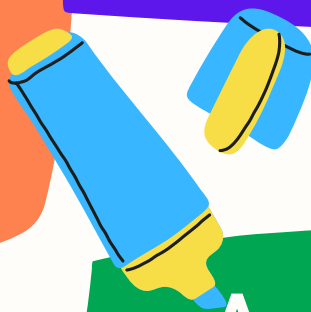
A paraphrase must be **CORRECT**.

A paraphrase must include one's **OWN WORDS**.

A paraphrase must **MAKE SENSE**.

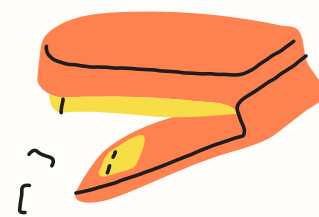
You can paraphrase:

- a single word
- a phrase or group of words
- a whole sentence
- a whole paragraph
- a whole page





Synonym



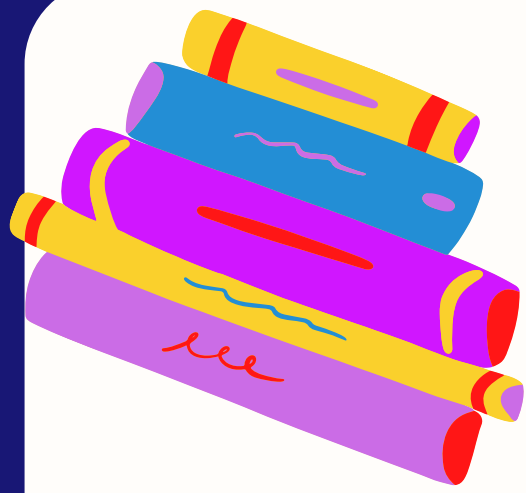
A synonym is a word that has the same meaning or a very close meaning to the original word.



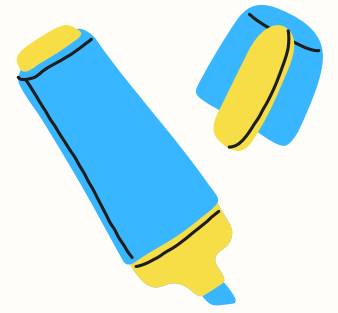
Examples:

- A synonym for pretty is lovely.
- A synonym for starving is famished.
- A synonym for red is scarlet.
- A synonym for automobile is car.

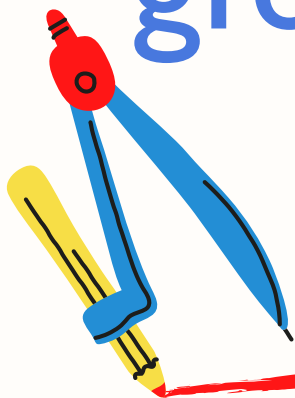




Phrase

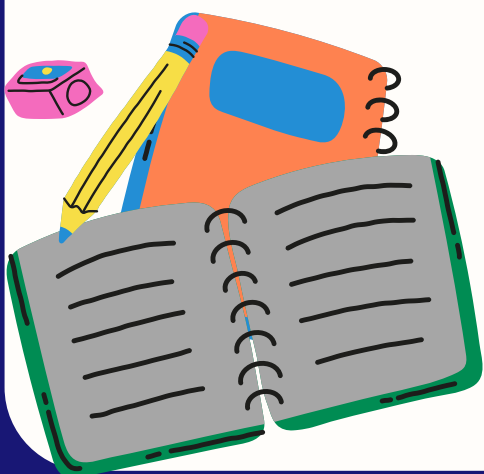
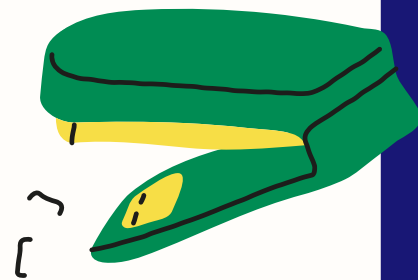


A phrase is a small group of words that has meaning.



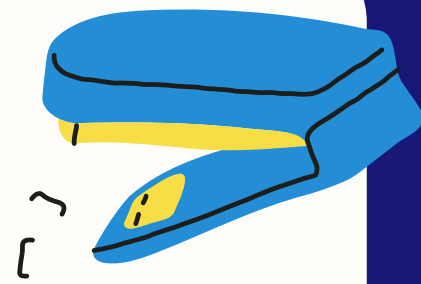
Examples:

- under the couch
- wooden house
- along the avenue
- before the game began



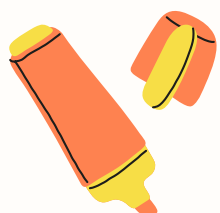


Sentence



A sentence is a group of words that:

- Has a subject
- Has a verb
- Begins with a capital letter
- Has a period or end punctuation
- Makes sense



Examples:

- We found the book under the couch.
- The wooden house was very old.
- Bicyclists ride along the avenue.
- Mike ate dinner before the game.



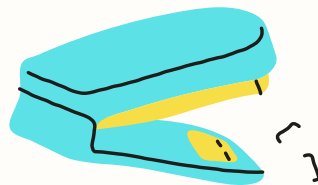


Paragraph



A paragraph must:

- Be indented at the beginning
- Contain sentences that are all related to each other
- Contain a topic, a main idea, and some details



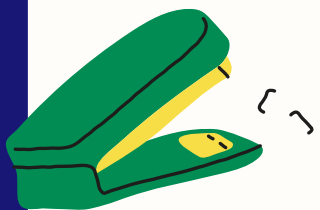
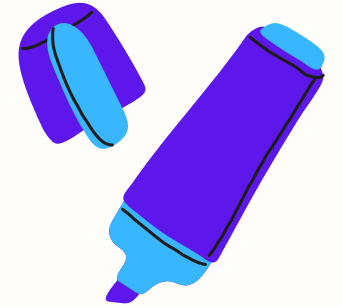


Topic

A topic is:



- One or two words that tell what a paragraph is about
- Frequently located in the first (or second) sentence of a paragraph
- Sometimes repeated throughout a paragraph
- Sometimes found in the title above a paragraph



To find a topic, say:

"This paragraph is about _____,"
and then fill in the blank with
one or two words.

Main Idea



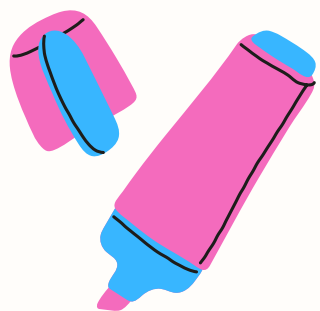
A main idea is:

- The big idea that the paragraph is about
- A general statement that summarizes all the information in the paragraph



To find a main idea, ask:

"What does this paragraph tell me about _____ (the topic) _____?"

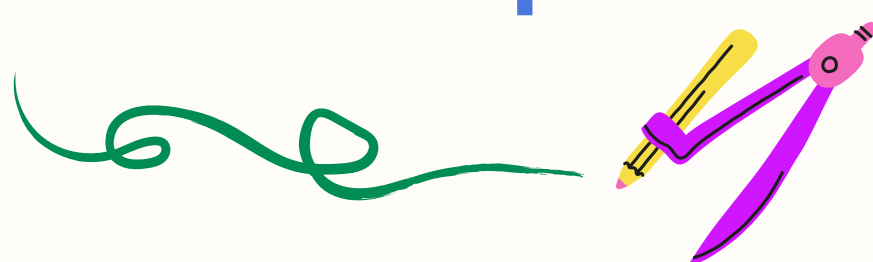
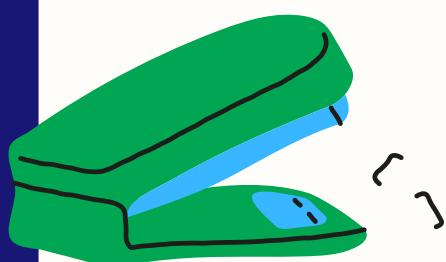
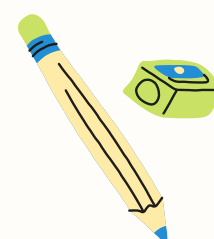


Detail



A detail is:

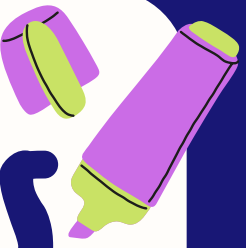
- A piece of information that is related to the main idea
- A statement that provides specific information about the main idea and topic



To find a detail, ask:

"What's one piece of specific information about the main idea?"

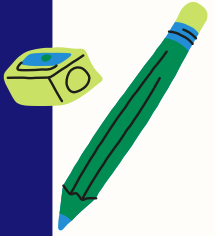
The TM-to-D Process



1. Find the TOPIC (T)

Q: What is the paragraph about?

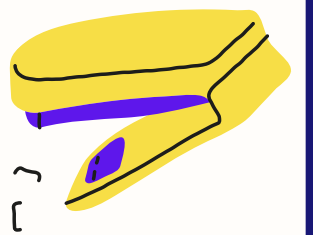
A: This paragraph is about_____.
(in one or two words)



2. Find the MAIN IDEA (M)

Q: What does the paragraph tell me about the topic?

A: It tells me _____.



3. Find the DETAILS (D)

Q: What information in this paragraph tells me more about the main idea?

or

Q: What's one piece of information that's related to the main idea?

A: One detail is_____.

A: Another detail is_____.





The D-to-MT Process



1. Find the DETAILS (D)

Q: What are several pieces of related information?

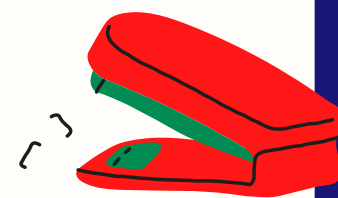
A: The details are: _____

2. Think of the MAIN IDEA (M)

Q: What phrase or statement can I use to summarize or group these details?

A: The paragraph tells me that

_____ .



3. Think about the TOPIC (T)

Q: What is the paragraph about?

A: This paragraph is about _____
(in one or two words)

