



Paraphrase Practice

Say What They Say, But In Your Own Way

IELTS Speaking

What Is Paraphrasing?

Essentially, paraphrasing is when you say the same thing but using different words. Paraphrasing is required in the IELTS exam, both in speaking and writing. For example, you should not repeat the question's exact words when you start your answer, but you should say the question in different words or in a different way. The examiners are looking for this, and it is clearly stated in the official ielts rubric.

For Example...

If the examiner asks you, "Do you prefer to buy books or borrow them from a library?" do not say, "I prefer to buy books because..." You should change the words; a better alternative would be something such as "I am much more fond of buying books" or "Buying books is much better for me than borrowing because..."

****Instructions:**

- Read the following task 3 questions and practice paraphrasing them
- Answer Key is on the following pages

****TIP:**

- You can change some words, or you can change the structure/order of the words in the sentence (- see examples 1a and 1b).



Practice paraphrasing these sentences:



1. Are cinema tickets expensive in your country?
 - a. Movie tickets are very costly in my nation.
 - i. ** (words changed)
 - b. In my country, cinema tickets are quite expensive.
 - i. ** (the order was changed)
2. Where was the last place you visited on holiday?
 - a.
3. Do you think patience is important?
 - a.
4. In your country, is family important?
 - a.
5. In your opinion, is it important to have meals with your family?
 - a.
6. In families in your country, who usually decides what furniture to buy for the home?
 - a.
7. How can people improve their health?
 - a.
8. How frequently do you go to a restaurant to eat?
 - a.
9. Do people today trust others as much as they used to in the past?
 - a.
10. Do you like helping others?
 - a.



Answer Key:

2. Where was the last place you visited on holiday?

a. On my most recent vacation, I went to China.

Instead of saying... Replace this ... Paraphrase this ...	Say... With ...
Last	Most recent
Visited	Went to
Holiday	vacation

3. Do you think patience is important?

a. I believe that it's essential to be patient in life.

Instead of saying...	Say...
Think	Believe
patience	Be patient

4. In your country, is family important?

a. Family is something that we prioritize in China; family is everything to us.

Instead of saying...	Say...
Country	China (the name of your country)
Important	Its everything to us / We prioritize it

5. In your opinion, is it important to have meals with your family?

a. To me, eating with family is very important.

Instead of saying...	Say...
Families in india	indian families
Decide	responsible for deciding
To buy	will be bought



6. In families in your country, who usually decides what furniture to buy for the home?

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7. How can people improve their health?

a. I would say that people can get healthier by

Instead of saying...	Say...
Improve health	Get healthier

8. How frequently do you go to a restaurant to eat?

a. I would say that I don't often go out to eat...

Instead of saying...	Say...
Go to a restaurant to eat	go out to eat

9. Do people today trust others as much as they used to in the past?

a. Honestly, I have to say that I don't really think people are as trusting these days as before.

Instead of saying...	Say...
today	These days
Trust	Trusting
As they used to in the past	As before

10. Do you like helping others?

a. I really love to help people,

Instead of saying...	Say...
Like	Love
Helping	To help
Others	People