LESSON 1: THE POWER OF PARAPHRASING IN IELTS

Lesson Objectives

- Define paraphrasing clearly.
- Understand why it matters for IELTS.
- Explore how paraphrasing impacts lexical resource and coherence.
- Recognize its role in achieving higher band scores.



WHAT IS PARAPHRASING?



Restating a sentence or idea in your own words while keeping the same meaning.



Different from copying or using only synonyms.



Example:



Original: "Many people think learning English is important."



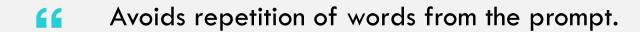
Paraphrase: "It is widely believed that studying English plays an essential role."



WHY IS PARAPHRASING IMPORTANT?



Shows examiners you can use varied vocabulary & grammar.





Helps you present ideas more smoothly.



Builds academic writing style.



PARAPHRASING IN IELTS WRITING TASK 2



Examiners expect you to restate the essay question in your introduction.



Example:



Task: "Some people think schools should focus more on science than on literature."



Paraphrase: "It is often argued that educational institutions ought to prioritize science subjects over literature."



PARAPHRASING IN IELTS SPEAKING

Helps avoid repeating the examiner's words.

Example:

Question: "What do you enjoy doing in your free time?"

Weak: "I enjoy doing things in my free time."

Strong: "During my leisure hours, I usually spend time reading novels or playing football."



THE POWER OF PARAPHRASING-FLUENCY & COHERENCE

Reduces hesitation: ready-made chunks make speaking smoother.

Improves essay flow: sentences connect naturally.

Shows advanced thinking: you can rephrase ideas in multiple ways.



PARAPHRASING & BAND SCORES



Band $5-6 \rightarrow$ students copy words or repeat basic language.



Band 7+ → students rephrase ideas clearly and flexibly.



Band 8–9 → students paraphrase naturally, without changing meaning.



COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS

X Paraphrasing = only synonyms→ Wrong.

X Paraphrasing = changing everything \rightarrow Wrong.

True paraphrasing = keeping meaning but using different words/structures.



STUDENT ACTIVITY



Take this IELTS prompt: "Technology has changed the way people communicate."



Write two paraphrased versions of the same sentence.

