

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**.



Avoids repetition of words from the prompt.



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 → 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

✗ Paraphrasing = only synonyms
→ Wrong.

✗ Paraphrasing = changing
everything → 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.