Paraphrasing
Lesson Objectives

• Describe what, when, and why to paraphrase in writing
• Discuss strategies for paraphrasing text
• Recognize the importance of including accurate citations to paraphrased text
What is paraphrasing?!

- Borrow ideas from a source
- Explain ideas from the source in your own words
- A restatement of ideas
Why do we paraphrase?

• Establish credibility
• Maintain flow and style
• Alternative to direct quotes
• Strengthen your writing
Why do we paraphrase?

• Check for understanding
• Ask questions, unpack vocabulary, draw inferences → main idea
• We paraphrase for reading AND writing!
How to paraphrase

Six steps for effective paraphrasing

1. Become familiar with vocabulary and ideas around the topic
2. Determine the big picture by reading and rereading the passage
3. Ask yourself, “What does this mean?”
4. Paraphrase the text aloud with a partner
5. Change sentence structure, voice, or rephrase
   - Compare with the original text
   - Credit the author with citation
6. Read, Think, Restate
When to paraphrase

• Recommended writing strategy
• Simplify complex text
• Eliminate less relevant information
• Change organization of ideas
Citations

• Credit the original author/source
• Follow guidelines from your teacher
• Avoid plagiarism
• Academic integrity
The End