

### Paraphrase Graham p.10

As a group, Generation Xers – many of whom are children of divorce – are more determined than any other demographic group to have a different kind of marriage than their parents and avoid divorce...

Because they are commonly children of divorced parents themselves, Gen Xers have a tendency to want a stronger marriage than their parents and avoid their mistakes.

### Paraphrase Info

We paraphrase constantly in daily conversation

Paraphrasing simply means communicating someone else's ideas in YOUR words and phrasing instead of theirs

Preferred way of using outside information in academic writing (avoid quotes)

### Paraphrase Info

NOT a summary

Focused on individual pieces of information, not whole arguments or entire articles

Similar in length, or sometimes even longer than the original

Can use some of the same important content words or phrases

### Paraphrase Info

NOT plagiarism – still cited to original source (we cite the information, not the words)

Does NOT change or manipulate the meaning

More selective than simply summarizing and repeating entire arguments – shows higher level analysis and understanding

Lets YOU be in control of arguments

### Why Paraphrase?

Filter for Audience

- Eliminates stumbling blocks of quotes
- consistency of voice

Allows YOUR understanding of the information to come through

Shows YOUR authority

- it's YOUR paper
- sources are NOT in control

### Paraphrase Info

**NOT A THESAURUS EXERCISE**

More than just switching words around

Shows your understanding of the MEANING of the original phrasing

Sentence, vocabulary, phrasing should reflect YOUR use of language, not theirs

### Why a Quote Isn't Always Best

Direct quotes still have to be put into context  
– your explanation

Readers can understand and respond to the  
quotes differently than you intended

Reader has to decipher another writer's style

YOUR paper should emphasize YOUR voice  
and YOUR arguments, not your sources'

### How to Paraphrase

- Û Read original source
- Û Find a specific idea you wish to use
- Û re-read until internalized
- Û Say it in your own words
- Û Write down what you've said
- Û Check your phrasing for accuracy

### Graham p.8, ¶1, last sentence

The yearning for fulfillment through  
love seems to be to our psychic  
structure what food and water are to  
our cells.

### Graham p.9, ¶6, first sentence

In short, marriage was designed to  
serve the economic and social needs  
of families, communities, and  
religious institutions, and had little  
or nothing to do with love.